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German Garrison Rejects Russian Surrender Terms

Envoys Carrying White Flag Slain—Annihilation of 100,000 Begins

LONDON, Dec. 31 (Sunday) (AP).—The hopelessly outnumbered and surrounded German garrison in Budapest's battle-torn streets has refused a Russian surrender ultimatum, killing two Red Army emissaries carrying a white flag, and the annihilation of a group originally estimated at nearly 100,000 men now is in its final stage, Moscow announced last night.

The German refusal occurred Friday and Moscow announced that Soviet troops yesterday had smashed into the eastern side of the city for the first time. Soviet dispatches said they had linked up with the western invasion wing on Danube islands in the heart of the burning Hungarian capital.

Moscow also announced that the new Soviet-sponsored Hungarian Government headed by Premier General Bela Miklos had declared war on Germany. The declaration, issued by a regime set up in Debrecben in Eastern Hungary and dated Thursday, said that Germany forced Hungary into the war against Russia, and "attacked and occupied Hungary March 19, 1944, imposing a Nazi regime on the country."

Russia's ultimatum demanded immediate cease-fire orders on the part of the German commander in Budapest, and the surrender of all arms and equipment. It offered all who quit security—Hungarians, after interrogation, to be allowed to depose to their homes, and Germans, after the war, to return to Germany or any other country they desire. Food and medical aid were promised to all enemy troops.

"Your answer, if said, 'is awaited on the right—west—bank of the Danube at noon, December 30, in writing brought by your representative who must ride in automobiles bearing a white flag.

"If you reject . . . " it concluded, "the troops of the Red Army and Air Force will begin operations for

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Navy Bombards Forgotten Front

PARIS, Dec. 30 (AP).—The "forgotten front" along the French-Italian frontier popped into the news today with the announcement of a series of bombardments by the French navy. The Ministry of Marine announced that the destroyers Le Fortune, Tromon and L'Aquilon had shelled effectively German concentrations and tracks at Ventimiglia several times between December 21 and 28.

British North Burma Forces Ousting Japs

Gains Indicate Enemy May Not Contest Area

CALCUTTA, Dec. 30 (AP).—**The abandonment of important areas of Northern Burma by the Japanese continued today with mounting evidence that the enemy does not plan to make a major stand north of Mandalay.**

In the past 48 hours British troops have advanced nine miles east toward the town of Yeu, some 70 miles northwest of Mandalay, and only soldier Japanese rearguards are contesting the drive, dispatches to headquarters of Allied land forces, Southeast Asia, here, said today.

The enemy is beginning to destroy the railroad from Yeu south to Monywa, which is prima evidence of his intention to continue the southward retreat. This railway is the backbone of the enemy's supply line north and west of Mandalay.

Front-line reports emphasize that the Japanese withdrawal is an orderly one and a post Burma forces are falling back in good order, but nevertheless, the problem of the enemy's intent and obscure the fact that Japanese military leaders are abandoning Northwestern Burma.

However, troops moving south in three parallel columns between the Mandalay railroad and the Irrawaddy River, 40 miles from Mandalay, recently was occupied by British 4th Corps troops.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (AP) German imports of metal have been cut to a point which ultimately will result in equipment deficiencies, the magazine Iron Age says in its annual review of non-ferrous metals

Basic B.C. Industries At High Level in 1944

By ERIC RAMSDEN

British Columbia swung along on the high tide of wartime activity in 1944, with production at high levels and secondary activity prospering, and faced 1945 with bright hope.

While final figures will not be available for some time, value of production by four basic industries is estimated at more than $305,500,000 which will probably be higher, compared with actual values of $303,000,000 for 1943.

Highlight of the year for the primary industries was the upward surge of agriculture. Paced by new records for fruit and seeds and high production in nearly all fields of endeavor, agricultural production in 1944 was estimated at $100,000,000 compared with $86,617,346 in 1943.

Forest production climbed upward from 1943 to the previous year to $124,000,000 last year spurred by an increase of 21 per cent in the log scale and contained keen demand for nearly all forest products.

Darkest spot in the year's production record was mining, where output was estimated at $46,000,000, a reduction of $15,500,000. This was due largely to labor shortage and to the cessation of production of strategic war metals such as tungsten and mercury.

Fisheries also showed a reduction, the 1944 estimate being $31,500,000 compared with $32,470,000 in 1943. A reduced salmon pack was largely responsible. The final figure may be increased when the herring season, still in progress, concludes.

To find markets was among the lesser problems of producers in 1944. Their biggest problem was to find sufficient labor, particularly skilled labor. Prices were good and demand keen.

NEW INDUSTRIES APPEAR PROBABLE IN COMING YEAR

Manufacturing in British Columbia maintained its high wartime levels in 1944, and as the year closed the future appeared bright for new enterprises. It appeared highly probable that several new industries

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From Europe Day by Day

By THE TIMES, London

News and Comment on International Events selected from The Times daily and published in The Daily Colonist by special arrangement with The Vancouver Daily Province.

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LONDON, Dec. 30.—The first phase of the battle in the West has ended, says The Times in a survey of the German offensive which has been blocked by the Allies.

Von Rundstedt has now to decide whether to make a fresh attempt to drive westward, south, or to remain where he is. He has some reserves left. He might concentrate strike towards Hoi, but this would move, says The Times, would probably be to attack outside the ground already to the north across the River, or even farther north across the Maas.

"To hold the salient as it is would be an expensive policy, as it can be straddled and raided by Allied fire in every direction, and bombed from the air. Withdrawal would involve serious losses and would be an admission of defeat.

Probabilities are all against Von Rundstedt achieving a comparable measure of success in the second phase of the present battle. It still retains some initiative, and he were to strike for Liege he might be able to remain in the salient until a further battle was decided farther north.

Whatever happens, it is clear, says The Times, further hard fighting has to be faced by the Allied armies. Only complete defeat of the German armies in the Ardennes can undo the harm that has already been done to the Allied front. No emphasis should the present situation is permissible

The explanation of Premier Churchill's quick return to London from Athens seems to be threefold.

1 He and Anthony Eden may resid be made until the Archbishop of Athens, Damaskinos was appointed as regent and King George assent grounded to it.

2 The Greek sessions of the rem-

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One of The Fresh Effects Sometimes Achieved by High Explosive Bombs Is Seen in This Photo of a Town in France. The Big Building at the End of the Street Took a Direct Hit. Was Split Down the Centre One-Half of the Building Disintegrated Into Rubble, the Other Remained Standing Firm.

Need for Single Ground Commander for Western Front Considered Urgent

Reversion to Former System of Overall Land Chief Seen as Necessary for Victory

By I. S. B. SHAPIRO
(North American Newspaper Alliance)

BRUSSELS, Dec. 30.—A most casual review of Allied Command arrangements since June 6 reveals one dominating factor which closely parallels the abrupt change in the design of our victory offensive. In early September the arrangements were ended in which a single general commanded all the Allied ground forces in the Western European campaign. According to a schedule laid down long before "D" Day, Field Marshal Montgomery relinquished his supreme direction of the land battle and his command was divided among three army group leaders.

Field Marshal Montgomery, Lt.-Gen. Omar N. Bradley and Lt.-Gen. Jacob L. Devers (Sunnoforth) reported independently to Gen. Eisenhower's Supreme Headquarters. Each pursued his separate offensive under the guidance and co-ordination of the Supreme Commander. This arrangement appeared reasonable in the planning stage, that it has not worked well during the last four months is a conclusion that cannot be easily avoided.

No plan on the imaginative scale of the Normandy battle appears to be emerging from the latter fighting now raging along the German frontier. While Gen. Eisenhower applies his unique genius for organization to keep his various forces supplied, the fundamentally sound campaign rings forward without striking effect. The two most successful tactical men in the Allied hierarchy, Bradley and Montgomery—

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LT.-GEN. OMAR N. BRADLEY
Mentioned as an excellent choice for the overall land command in Western Europe.

2,000 Planes Pound Nazis

LONDON, Dec. 30 (AP).—More than 2,000 British-based American bombers and fighting planes pierced through fog today and pounded German supply lines to the Western Front for the eighth consecutive day.

Eight bombers and three fighters were reported missing from these operations.

While the German air force stuck to its bases for a third day, more than 1,300 Flying Fortresses and Liberators of the United States Eighth Air Force, escorted by approximately 700 Thunderbolts and Mustangs, struck unmolested at railroad bridges on lines leading directly from Berlin and at freight yards at Mannheim, Kaiserslautern and Kassel.

The points attacked on the roads from Berlin were not specified.

Shake-Up of Commands in West Coming

Big Regrouping On London Paper Claims

LONDON, Dec. 30 (CP).—**Reports that a shake-up of the Allied command on the western front was imminent were displayed prominently today by the London afternoon press.**

One military commentator declared that an official statement covering some aspects of the regrouping of the Allied commanders and armies was expected shortly.

The reports, the publication in which coincided with a definite improvement of the Allied position on the western front, were without an official confirmation.

The London Evening News declared flatly that important changes in the organization of the Allied Supreme Command on the western front are imminent. It hived the proposed commanders without speculating what the changes might be.

The Evening Standard reported, "The big regroupings and quoted a Reuters military correspondent as saying "the second phase of Marshal Karl von Rundstedt's offensive has reached the poker stage."

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11,394 Men Joined In B.C. During Year

VANCOUVER, Dec. 30 (CP).—**During this year 11,394 men enlisted in the Canadian Active Army through Pacific Command.**

Only 537 men, either called up under draft regulations or who volunteered for general service, were rejected.

During December there were 1,767 enlistments, 900 of them continuing at home. Defence troops to active stations. There were but 17 rejections.

Germans Hurl New Divisions Into Western Front Battle As Bastogne Bulge Shrinks

Patton's Forces Broadening Front Threaten to Cut Off Nazi Armor

PARIS, Dec. 31 (Sunday) (AP).—Three German divisions have been joined by Field Marshal Karl Von Rundstedt at both sides of the Bastogne corridor held by Lt.-Gen. George S. Patton's United States Third Army, a field dispatch reported last night, as American troops hammered heavily all along the shrinking perimeter of the German bulge.

The hard-won corridor supplying Bastogne was hit by two of Von Rundstedt's divisions from the west and by a third from the east, while in Bastogne itself United States artillerymen poured withering shellfire into the 16-mile-wide escape gap of the Germans' hourglass-shaped front and blasted areas where the Germans have been gathering for new thrusts

The renewed attacks—breaking a four-day lull—came as Lt.-Gen. George S. Patton's hard-driving forces broadened their front along the south of the German bulge to nearly 50 miles, struck west of Bastogne, sheared supply roads and threatened to cut off enemy armor thrust to within 23 miles of Sedan at Libramont.

American counter-blows had rewon nearly one-third of the territory overrun in the Germans' surprise counter-offensive, badly narrowing the manoeuvering ground for Von Rundstedt's three armies. Progress of the new battle was not at once disclosed, nor was the time at which it broke.

Previously Supreme Headquarters had reported under the 24-hour security blackout that by yesterday morning one Third Army force drove into Melvy, 11 miles east of Bastogne and but four and a half miles northeast of St. Hubert, while another American garrison has been making a small-scale Bastogne-like stand and holding out of the larger forces.

Von Rundstedt's westernmost positions were being assailed by Lt.-Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' resurgent First Army, which fought in the sector of Rochefort, 24 miles northwest of Bastogne, and clustered the German lines with shells.

As the battle rose in fury the Germans fought back with mortars and artillery, bent on holding the town to the last.

Brussels radio, often optimistic, said Rochefort had fallen and a violent air battle raged near the town. This was without official confirmation.

Patton's forces had been ripping apart the German positions on both sides of the Bastogne corridor, and Von Rundstedt threw in reinforcements in a strong bid to stop advances in this salient.

Mersally for action was multiplied by the American artillery commanding his east-west routes of supply or retreat.

In the 16 miles be—en Marloie on the north flank and Longchamps on the south flank of the Bastogne—there are but two good highways and one railroad, but the Germans never succeeded in clearing them.

The northern highway runs three and a half miles south of Marloie, where American tanks and infantry

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Nazis Told Victory Just 'Round Corner

LONDON, Dec. 30 (CP).—Nazi leaders, including long-cut Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering, issued New Year's proclamations through the D.N.B. Agency today, promising war-weary Germans that victory is still around the corner.

Goering's proclamation, which was not delivered in person, asserted "it is our duty and our task in the coming year to carry war into the enemy's country.

He said the way will be hard, but promised the Germans "One thing is also certain—that we will achieve victory and with it peace under the leadership of Adolf Hitler."

Archbishop to Govern Greece King Agrees

Damaskinos of Athens Is Named as Regent

LONDON, Dec. 30 (CP).—**King George II of Greece tonight announced appointment of Archbishop Damaskinos of Athens as regent of his strife-torn country, taking a step generally interpreted here as tantamount to relinquishment of his throne.**

The 54-year-old monarch's road has been rocky for years, and most observers in London's diplomatic quarters believe the Greek people, who are swinging to the left, would vote against a monarchy in a plebiscite which is expected to be held.

Appointment of the regent was announced in a royal proclamation issued after a statement in Athens that the Archbishop probably would assume his duties as regent tomorrow.

The proclamation, stating that the King had "deeply considered the terrible situation" into which Greece had fallen, said he had resolved not to return to the country "unless summoned by a free and free plebiscite of national will" and authorized Damaskinos to "take all steps necessary to restore order and tranquility."

The King reported to have opposed the regency, was believed to have been convinced of the necessity of the move by Premier George Papandreou, the premier and cabinet resigned, the Greek King that it would be established in the Government in Athens regardless of his consent.

Establishment of a regency had been unanimously agreed upon by the Allied Powers, Premier Churchill and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden last Tuesday in an effort to restore peace in Greece

Student Flyer Has Miraculous Escape

Aircraftsman Ralph Frances Williams, 18-year-old Manson student flyer, escaped almost miraculously yesterday when his seaplane crashed into the 110,000-volt power line crossing Lake Chelan and plummeted to the water. Rescuing in a pontoon will be his sister-in-law Mrs Robert Williams, tailed up in a second plane and rescued her. Power service in the Holden copper mine was interrupted briefly

Victory in '45 Says Churchill

LONDON, Dec. 30 (AP).—At the end of a year which had brought the United Nations far along the road to their goal, Prime Minister Churchill expressed hope today that at least half their task would be completed in the new year—that victory in Europe would be achieved in 1945.

Observing that the Allies were entering upon a year "that should bring us victory in Europe," he said in a New Year's message to the Primrose League, a Conservative organization of which he is grand master.

"Before much months have passed the evil gang that has long dominated that unhappy Continent will be wiped out

"Until that end has been achieved there can be no return to our normal habits

It would be tragic folly in proving by any slackening in the last phase the agony that megalomaniac ambition has loosed on the world."

Already that agony had been relieved to some extent. All over Europe the lights were going on again. Paris, Rome, Brussels and Athens had been freed from their oppressor.

The year had brought a nightmare of bombardments, devastation, sudden death and eternal fear to Berlin and a dozen other German cities.

It was the year in which Churchill, President Roosevelt and Premier Stalin set the stage for final victory.

It was the year in which the battered German Army hurled back to the frontiers now like a gorgeous giant in the prime of life to lash out with frenzied strength in an effort to prolong the war or win a lenient peace.

It was another year of what Churchill has called "blood sweat and tears."

Places Canada Fourth In Industrial Nations

LONDON, Dec. 30 (CP-Reuters).—Lord Beaverbrook's London Evening Standard today devoted its entire editorial column to a tribute to the war effort of Britain's "surprising sister nation, the young and vigorous Dominion of Canada" and said Canada "has emerged as the fourth greatest industrial nation of the world.

Pointing out that for 20 years it no longer out of existence, Africa below the war Canadian shipbuilding lay dormant, the editorial said today Canada has launched 1,000 craft and more, from swift trim destroyers to low-in-the-water wooden freighters that keep the lifelines alive

In the air the sale is even more astonishing. In the five brief years Canadian output was some 40

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Possible Choice

FIELD MARSHAL SIR H. ALEXANDER
Whose name has been mentioned in discussions on the question of appointing an Allied land commander for the Western Front.

Nazi Admiral Knows Tricks

LONDON, Dec 30 (CP-Reuters).—The Germans have named Vice-Admiral Heye as chief of their naval commando, now unified under the name of "Brandenburg."

No details have been announced concerning the person and career of this hitherto unknown officer, but it is believed here that he comes of a well-known Prussian military family.

According to the German announcement, the "sleeveless" comprise the navy's new small units and individual fighters.

In other words, Vice-Admiral Heye's command is responsible for the whole bag of tricks developed by the Germans for attacks on Allied shipping since the failure of the U-boat.

The known list of these tricks includes

1 The remote controlled "explosive motorboat"—E.M.B.

2 The human torpedo or one-man submarine

3 The "snorting waterbottle" used in a small U-boat to divert attention from the real boat by the production of noises, water bubbles and oil patches.

4 The "frogman," crack swimmers employed to blow up bridges or lockages.

Chinese Battling Japs in Hengyang

CHUNGKING, Dec. 30 (AP).—Chinese units in Hunan Province have killed scores of Japanese soldiers in an attack by mobile columns near Hengyang as Allied warplanes raked the enemy's whole China theatre to carry out successful raids on enemy road, rail and shipping installations, Chinese dispatches said tonight.

About 100 Japanese were killed and five machine guns were seized when Chinese infantrymen stormed enemy positions outside the north gate of Hengyang at the junction of the Kwangsi and Canton-Hankow railroads the reports said. Hengyang is 180 miles north of the former American air base at Kweilin.

An American communique announced that U.S. 14th Air Force bombers and fighters had lashed at Japanese communication lines and transportation routes in three provinces and one Chinese dispatch said Maj.-Gen. Claire L. Chennault's airmen had crippled enemy river transport along the Yangtze River main supply line to Central China.

As a direct result of the American attacks, the dispatch said, Japanese supply troops now are forced to move most of their troops and supplies overland along the Hunan railroad instead of by boat.

No Paper Tuesday

THE staff of The Daily Colonist will observe the New Year's Day holiday and there will be no paper on Tuesday. The next issue will appear on Wednesday morning.

The Daily Colonist Wishes Its Readers a Happy New Year

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1945 for everyone who holds faith with freedom

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A NEW YEAR'S GREETING
FROM
JOHN D. KISSINGER, Jr.
BUILDING CONTRACTOR

Belgians Joins Allies

LONDON, Dec 30 (AP)—The Luxembourg radio said tonight that the first battalions of the newly formed Belgian Army has joined the Allied armies on the Western Front. The broadcast was recorded by The Associated Press.

High Tribute to Scottish Published in London Paper

Of keen interest to Victoria and Vancouver Island residents was a tribute to the 1st Canadian Scottish which appeared in a London newspaper under the name of Capt. Jack Golding, and bearing the heading: "First Battalion Canadian Scottish Hold Leopold Land 16 Hellish Days."

Brigadier F. N. Cabeldu to his wife in a letter written November 10 and received here a few days ago, mentioning that it was published early in November. The tribute follows.

"It's almost 30 years ago since the fighting (Ist) Battalion of the C.E.F. took a giant-sized bite in its teeth at St. Julian Wood and won the oak leaf honor which the 1st Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment of British Columbia, proudly wears today.

That old regiment, the parent unit of the Canadian Scottish of today, produced no less than four winners of the Victoria Cross in the first Great War!

(It might be said "like parent like son," for the sturdy men from Britisch Columbia who landed at Courtseilles sur Mer early in the morning of June 6, 1944, have written a tale of heroism in the blood of their officers. N.C.O.'s and men that will never be forgotten in Canadian history.

At Putot en Bessin on "D" plus two they counter-attacked the Hun to re-establish a vital half of the Allin Allied bridgehead, and held through 10 days of withering fire. Over 200 originals were casualties in those fateful days—20 per cent of the battalion.

BAGGED SIX PANTHERS

The sanguinis Normandy road led there to Cuay, key battle to the smashing of Caen resistance, and almost 200 more left the formation, as from British Columbia. "A" and "C" Companies got three Panthers and with Piats and three more fell to 17-pounders.

Then came Point 168, high ground overlooking Falaise. It had to be taken to command the closing of the gap beyond. The Canadian Scottish got the job. They took Point 168 and another 175 men left the battalion. Most of their bloody mates was fought without supporting arms.

As if three contributions to Canadian Army's advance weren't enough they found themselves lined once more—on the Canuck side of the Leopold Canal. (It was October 4. They careered across that bitter canal behind a flame throwing barrage and held a firm, brave bridgehead with the Regina for 10 days of sheer hell. When a co-ordinated Hun attack forced the enemy pressure on them from the east, they moved around to come fire behind their relieving comrades and helped clean up that murderous pocket.

Then came their second reel period since "D" Day. They were guests of Ghent for 48 hours. From June 6 they had gone 56 days without relief when their Western brigade was the only brigade to reach its objective on time and hold it throughout the entire invasion front. Field Marshal Montgomery referred to that exploit in his first press conference.

Those incidents were just the highlights of the Canadian Scottish battles since "D" Day. They fought at Rots and supported at Carpiquet when the Canadian reliefs was a long slim finger into Hun territory. After Cuay, when they fought tanks without support, part of the time under Major Dee Crofton, Bali Sting Island, B.C., they moved into Caen and held part of the Orne River front under crazy fire. Major Crofton now holds a more senior position. Lt.-Col. F. N. Cabeldu, D.S.O., Victoria, B.C., brought the unit ashore on "D" Day but was away for awhile due to wounds.

RELIEVED POLES AT SOGNOLLES

After Caen they stopped at Bras, and later relieved the Poles at Sognolles. Following Point 183 they raced across France, crossed the Seine at Elbeuf and pushed the Hun off Hill 88. They captured St. Valery on the Somme, teed-up the approaches to Calais by active patrolling and swept the beach entries to that port, including six big coastal guns. Moving over to the Orta Nera sector they took all but the tip.

Then came the Leopold—the Breskens pocket.

Some of the 154 remaining of the original "D" Day unit are: Major L. E. Henderson, D.S.O., Victoria; Major W. H. V. Matthews, M.C. and Bar, Vancouver; Major R. H. Tye, Victoria; Major A. H. Plows, Duncan; Captain E. M. Fraser, Vancouver; Lieut. Aubrey Peck, M.C., Victoria; Capt. J. C. G. Young, Sask.; R.M.C.; Capt. R. L. Seaborn, Toronto; R.S.M. J. Hoshard and R.S.M. F. Fisher, Victoria; R.Q.M.S. J. Grimmond, D.C.M., Victoria; C.S.M. O. R. Vance, Alhambra, Alta.; Sgts. W. A. Garner, Winnipeg; R. S. Duncan, South Wellington, B.C.; L. G. Woodcock, Vancouver; R. O. Doratty, Nanaimo, B.C.; E. C. Boley, Alberta; F. A. Menzies, Nanaimo; L.-Sgt. J. P. Bakken, Vancouver; Cpls. G. H. Nicholas, Cumberland, B.C.; R. J. Refelk, Bellevue, Alta.; C. J. Cook, Vancouver; R. Todd, Calgary; F. C. Murphy, Newcastle, Alta.; A. B. Minnie, Victoria; Pres. J. A. Bannister, Ymir, B.C.; L. T. Wave, Cobble Hill, B.C.; O. H. Wiles, Victoria; M. Bilsmagad, Water Valley, Alta.; and T. W. Palmer, Judah, Alta.

The 1st Battalion Canadian British Regiment is affiliated with The Royal Scots of Edinburgh. H.R.H. Princess Mary is the unit's colonel-in-chief. The battalion plaid is the Hunting Stewart but the pipe band wears the Lennox tartan. The Royal Scots are taking care of Wallace, the battalion's famous St. Bernard mascot.

"Desa gu Cath"—Ready for the fray—how truly that motto has served by this regiment.

The King Talks to the World

In This Canadian Marconi Picturegram the King Is Shown Making His World Broadcast on Christmas Day.

Germany Threatens Another Offensive

LONDON, Dec 30 (AP)—Berlin broadcasts today ranged from veiled threats of a new offensive by Marshal Karl Gerd Von Rundstedt to a somewhat negative claim that "we have at least foiled the enemy's plan for a Winter offensive."

A Transocean Agency broadcast asserted that Von Rundstedt's operations now were in an "interim phase."

But in the voluminous reports of the German radio there were no claims of new military successes.

"The advance of our spearheads has changed into a battle of movement," one propaganda agency broadcast said.

"American counter-operations already have developed into a bid for a decision and aim at striking at the root of the German wedge," another commentator said.

To Stay on Job

WASHINGTON, Dec 30 (AP)—The leaders of the A.F.L. and C.I.O. today asked organized labor to stay on the job in the nation's war plants New Year's Day.

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, and Philip Murray, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, urged all members of their organization to forego the customary holiday observance

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP).—President Roosevelt today accepted the resignation of Philip Reed, of New York, as chief of the American Economic Affairs Mission in London, effective December 31. Reed said he must return shortly to private life.

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Draws Troops From Manchurian Front

GEN. MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Dec. 31 (Sunday) (AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur disclosed today, while a new Mindoro-based convoy passed on under Japanese attack to reinforce his conquering forces, that the enemy had drawn troops from Manchuria in an effort to stop him on Leyte Island.

The American commander's communique said Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita had lost in the futile defence of Leyte four army divisions and the elements of two more, besides a naval brigade and other special forces.

Total Japanese losses, including 401 more killed in recent mopping up operations, reached 118,770, the communique said.

In a "historical resume" of the Japanese forces of Yamashita's 35th Army, destroyed on Leyte, MacArthur said one division, the 16th, had participated in the battle of Bataan against him early in the war.

Shake-Up Coming

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The report of changes in the command appeared on the front page of The Star under the caption: "Allied Command: Statement Soon."

The London press also carried reports from Washington that an American major-general had been recalled from France and demoted, but not because of the German counter-offensive.

Despite the setback suffered by the Allies in Belgium, Eisenhower appeared to be no disposition here to question the ability of General Eisenhower to control the situation. The Supreme Allied Commander retains the prestige he won in North Africa, Italy and the smashing success of the Normandy invasion.

Now Prisoner of War

Cpl. Malcolm Martyn, 20, Royal Winnipeg Rifles, son of Col. D. H. Martyn, formerly of Victoria, who was reported missing October 6 following action in the Leopold Canal sector in Belgium, is now listed as a prisoner of war in Germany, according to a message received from Col. Martyn last night by T. B. Monk, Oak Bay.

Born here, Cpl. Martyn attended Victoria public schools, high school and University of Washington. His sister, Mona, is a sub-lieutenant in the medical section, W.R.C.N.S.

Execution Delayed

MARSEILLE, France, Dec 30 (AP)—Albert Camus, former manager of the newspaper Petit Niçois was postponement of his execution today by promising "sensational revelations" he has being led before a firing squad. Lejeuna was under sentence of death for collusion with the enemy in the operation of a newspaper at Nice.

SAWMILL BURNS

POWELL RIVER, B.C. Dec 30 (CP)—Fire gutted the sawmill of the Pacific Lime Company plant at Blubber Bay early today. Cause of the blaze has not yet been determined.

The War Today

By KIRK L. SIMPSON
AP War Analyst

Allied and Russian guns from the North Sea to the Adriatic and the Danube to the Baltic are ringing out something more than the old year.

This New Year's Eve week-end they are sounding the knell of Nazi Germany in a fashion that well warrants predictions generated around Europe will have ended in a total German defeat within another 12 months.

Only a week ago on Christmas Eve doubt lingered, not as to United Nations victory, but as to the time it would take to achieve it. A resurgent Nazi power attack in the West which bored deep into American lines in Belgium, a still stalled Russian front in Poland and a slowed Red Army siege of Budapest had cast Allied calculations of the time it might take to finish the job.

Within the last seven days however there have been drastic changes in the military situation in Hungary and in Belgium. They have set the victory clocks of the Allies ticking again, rolling off the hours of the dying old year and recording the birth of 1945.

As the old year ends the Nazi master bid to arrest or delay defeat in the West has passed its crest. The boldly planned and skillfully executed Winter counter-attack between the Roer and Moselle is American and British forces have broken it shattered, not expanding as the foe pulls back more exposed contents under crushing pressure of concerted Allied counter thrusts.

There is small prospect that the Nazis can ever regain the initiative and momentum in a major way. Paris reports that a German retreat into the Siegfried Line defences had been ordered, lacked confirmation. Even if true it would not and the chiness of Germany's defeat would vex or mean a Nazi flight in rout from Belgium.

Counter-attack to effect orderly disengagement of large forces for planned withdrawals is the accepted military technique in seeking escape without disaster from untenable positions. German military professions have been and again proved on all fronts their mastery of the art of minimizing losses in forced retreats.

That they fully sense the deepening danger in which they stand in Belgium is obvious even if the method they adopt to avert a critical disaster there is not as yet disclosed. They cannot doubt that General Eisenhower's abandonment of the Saar Basin offensive to counteract Patton's hard-charging Third Army to the battle of movement in Luxembourg and Belgium was dictated by more than defensive necessities.

It is primarily offensive in character, that broad-fronted American move up through the sagging southern flank of the Nazi Belgian bulge. Patton's forces are on the cutting edge of the potential trap in which the enemy has risked the finest of his army in the west. If he escapes, the war there may drag on for many bloody months, but it he is snared it could be the beginning of the end for Nazi Germany.

In Hungary within the Christmas-New Year week the Russians scored nearly four miles street fighting within Budapest presaged the early fall of that powerful outer rampart guarding the approaches to Vienna and the Danube gap between the Alps and the Carpathians that leads into the heart of Nazi-land from the south.

Even more ominous for the foe was simultaneous Russian advance toward that gap on both sides of the Danube northwest of Budapest.

Into that meaning Red Army twin advance up the Danube soon can be thrown also the heavy forces released from the Budapest siege ring. Russian capture of the city is too clearly foreshadowed to be in doubt. The battle is rolling almost east to Berlin from the south as it has so long stood from the west, in Holland and Germany itself and from the east in Poland.

The war in Europe may have to come extent distracted home front attention from events across the Pacific.

However, ominous for Japan has been General MacArthur's success so far in the Central Philippines there still is far to go to bring Japan to the point where it has which her Nazi fellow criminals stand in Europe.

Disasters in the Pacific still are long ahead—however and growing longer over communication lines to the rear as the American attack presses forward.

The ultimate role that British Empire forces are to play in that conflict, the place Canadian Dominion forces may hold in the far-flung campaign adopting up against Japan, what Russia may do there as well as in the final battle which with Germany in Europe are all important factors. They make any time prediction of victory across the Pacific at this stage mere guesswork.

HALT PRODUCTION

WASHINGTON, Dec 30 (AP)—The War Production board today called a halt on all production of civilian ammunition to the United States.

QUISLINGS ASSASSINATED

LONDON, Dec 30 (CP)—An official Norwegian source said today that 30 quislings had been assassinated in Norway in the past six weeks

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Having Bath in Holland Is Disconcerting Experience

By H. T. MATSON
Daily Colonist War Correspondent
WITH THE CANADIAN FIRST ARMY IN HOLLAND, Dec. 30.—"That's all, gentlemen—everything's off the record, of course—sorry—any questions?"

This spoke our briefing colonel six latrines mornings. Contingently most correspondents are down to the difficult question of trying to extract blood from a stone—no mean feat under the best of circumstances.

And to this day, there is quite a tangible stimulus of lethargy and inertia now hovers darkeningly above the heads of many of main press camps' jaded inmates.

A combination of news blackout, a long span of front line inactivity, plus the present effervescence of battle ramping yet utterly accessible in terms of release, was bound to engender slight discontent among us.

Livers may have had some slight bearing on our plight. Hence one begins to become aware that the mess cook undoubtedly would find more scope in a lasterer—and it is quite obvious that NAAFI, the mysterious concern that has franchise to supply all troops with extra rations, is discriminating against Canadians who nearly revolt at the inevitable English cigarettes that willy-nilly they must accept or else chew stuff.

COLD SHEETS AND FRIZZEN FRIZZETS

Billets, too, should have been far better chosen—the army wallows in amazing warmth in the hotel where one we shared so soundly—we who now face food-cold clammy sheets and the scientry frozen faucet of a long forgotten attic.

And there are innumerable anal agonus grievances with which we manage to work ourselves into high nice hurt feeling—oh dear, yes, we are the abused, maligned, downtrodden ramble of Western Europe—no doubt of that whatever! Wish that over, what say we all take a lovely billet bath?

Two ladder-like flights of pitch black stairs plus a sprained ankle finally usher us into a dank mellow tub.

Above stands a geyser from which trickles humbly the Dutch equivalent of hot water—about 10 degrees below Canadian lake water. The geyser keeps pathetically equivocating a while, then suddenly allotted span—at last an hour is over and in the tub's bottom lies a bare lining of cold, terrifying water.

One now hesitates—why not just sprinkle some of that stuff around the floor after soaking it up a bit and foot thing kind boats that had practically shoved us into this disgusting cistern?

No, that wouldn't be cricket—god no—it we slide—delightful—hell, the lights go out and will stay so for an hour. In a welter of blasphemy, one begins groping for towels, but towels are not supplied in billets, so you start to yell.

Presently little Hans or Alex taps timorously and then pads in with a candle. But the nice little fellow can't speak a word of English, French or German—but he squeaks "Momma, momma.

"No, Hans, No," you protest wildly. "I'm bare, Hans, nude, undressed plus bathe and Momma doesn't come to!" But feet are pattering up the stairs—Momma's feet—so in phrenetic misery you grab your pants, slide wetly into them, snatch Hans's candle and race blindly for the perpendicular stairs.

If to the scramble the candle does not fade out, you eventually come upon your room and towel—then you can dab sagaciously to your heart's content.

If you're really fond of damp towels—it's been a wonderful experience and next time we'll take our flashlight and we won't forget our towels—now, will we?

Western Front

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The southern highway runs a mile and a half north of Longchamps, where Patton is steadily building up his Firepower

In between lie numerous secondary roads, and even these are hazardous.

Associated Press Correspondent William F. Bond reported that American batteries commanded all but about a mile of the sector between Manhay and Lomchamps.

"The situation today favored the enemy," but limited forces of fighters and fighter-bombers, attack concentrations and supply concentrations, and heavy bombers from British hammered at the same set of targets.

Forces along the Third Army front claimed destruction of 23 tanks in incomplete reports, along with 13 motor transport, 12 locomotives and 154 railroad cars

Bond was able to report that the northern front was relatively quiet today and on some sectors patrols had to press forward nearly three miles before striking even the slightest resistance. The enemy was flagging in and using tanks as impromptu pillboxes.

The sudden appearance of Patton's fast-moving forces in Moselle spelled trouble for the Germans, who had captured Libramont and dug in there against attacks from the southwest.

Money is astride the best railroads out of Libramont. Three and a half miles west is a second one which leads eight miles north from Libramont to St Hubert, and southwest of the latter it is possible with the Americans holed up in St Hubert.

In this onslaught west of Bastogne the Third Army captured at least three villages and drove the Germans into woods a mile north of St Hubert, and three miles west of Bastogne

The Fighting Forces

Now Reported Safe

FLT. LIEUT. ROBERT V. OSTLER

A Christmas present in the form of a telegram reporting their safe safe after he had previously been reported missing over Germany was received on Christmas Day by Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Ostler, 3339 Doncaster Drive. The 24-year-old R.A.F. officer was listed missing following an operations over Germany on December 6. Leaving Victoria in August, 1938, he enlisted with the R.A.F. in England, and has not been home since that time. Lieut. William Ostler, R.C.N., is a brother.

In India Two Years

F/O. PHILIP J. B. OLIVER

Only son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Oliver, 1818 Fairfield Road, who has been overseas with the R.C.A.F. nearly five years, he has spent in India two years have been spent in India. Born in Victoria and educated at Monterey School, Oak Bay High School and Victoria College, he enlisted in the spring of 1940. On a recent trip to India's northwest frontier he met several R.A.F. men who had been stationed at Patricia Bay and who spoke very highly of the kindness and hospitality that had been shown them by citizens of Victoria. Flying Officer Oliver was with the B.C. Land Investment Agency Ltd. prior to training for air crew duties.

Family Reunion

Cpl. George Kidd 27, Cameron Highlanders, wounded veteran of the invasion (third time wounded) and his brother, Lieut. N. Kidd 23, R.C.N., also stationed at the scenes of war and has been serving aboard a destroyer, have arrived home for leave with their parents, Cmdr. and Mrs. G. W. Kidd, 1031 Wellington Street.

Born in England and educated here at St. Michael's School and Brentwood College, Captain Kidd enlisted in 1941 with the 1st Battalion, Canadian Infantry Regiment. Transferring to the Cameron Highlanders the following year, shortly he crossed overseas. Into Normandy with Army "D" Day, he was there until the middle of August, when shell fragments from a bomb which had landed nearby broke both his arms. He was in hospital in England from that date until October, when he was returned to Canada. He was twice mentioned in the Canadian battle casualties in England.

Very fine treatment, nothing but the best, he affirmed.

Home for one month, Captain Kidd is expecting to be duties on completion of leave here.

Family reunion of the Kidd family in the Yukoline season was completed when another brother, J. M. Kidd, 23, who is in his second year medicine at the University of Manitoba, arrived home recently.

Killed in Holland

Lieut. Michael C. MacKenzie, 1st Battalion Canadian Scottish Regiment, was killed in action, Army C. MacKenzie, Vancouver, and a nephew of Mrs. W. G. Colquhoun, Empress Hotel, is reported to have been killed in action in Holland on November 25.

Born and educated at Vancouver, Lieut. MacKenzie enlisted with the R.C.E. in 1940, transferring to the infantry on active overseas. Returned to Canada in June 1943, he received his commission at Gordon Head, reporting his unit shortly after Christmas last year, and arriving with it until wounded in July. Mentioned in dispatches for action in the Scottish action at Caen, he was, as he released from hospital less than a month before being reported killed in action.

Home for Holiday

Cpl. C. E. Mudge, only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Mudge, Cedar Hill Road, arrived home yesterday for the holiday week-end. Stationed at Vancouver, the 24-year-old airman has served with the R.C.A.F. for the past five years. He is attached to the medical section of his unit. His father is manager of the Victoria National Selective Service offices.

Airman Missing

Flt. Lieut. Walter Friler, 26, R.C.A.F. son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Friler, 506 Cadboro Bay Road, is reported missing after air operations overseas on December 28, according to word received here. Born in Victoria, he attended Victoria High School and Victoria College, and at the time of his enlistment he was a student of agriculture at University of British Columbia.

His wife, the former Nora Dawes, of Montreal, is serving overseas with the R.C.A.F.-W.D.

Returns to Station

TEL. D. F. VAN MAANEN

Who has returned to an East Coast station after spending 10 days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Van Maanen, 3566 Saanich Road. Educated at Burnside and Victoria High Schools, he was employed with the Canadian National Railways before joining the navy.

B.C. Industries

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might be established in the province in 1945.

Tourist travel in 1944 held up well all resorts reporting substantial business, and most of them indicating they planned to expand in anticipation of increased traffic. One of the highlights of the year for the Government Travel Bureau was the number of inquiries received, many of them regarding settling in British Columbia in addition to requests for general and tourist information.

British Columbia's new Industrial Research Council was exceedingly busy in its first year of operation, and undertook a number of projects, in several of which satisfactory results have already been obtained. The Government venture is expected to give the province increasing returns in the form of new enterprises in the years ahead

It was an outstanding year in almost every direction for agriculture, with increased production and values in almost every field contributing to the $100,000,000 estimate for 1944.

Record crops of apples and peaches were reported (and ordinarily an apple crop of 5,000,000 boxes is considered exceptional in the past year the total reached 7,800,000 boxes, and value was more than $12,000,000 compared with $7,800,000 in 1942. Peach production nearly trebled at 1,295,000 boxes, compared with 482,000 the previous year, and apricots more than quadrupled at 1,000,000 boxes, compared with 164 crates.

Growers shared the upswing, production being 347,000 boxes, against 236,000. Plums and prunes exceeded the previous year's crop.

A new all-time high mark was established for seed. For the first time the value of vegetable seeds alone passed $1,000,000, reaching $1,194,000.

Seeds of all kinds, including flowers, field produce and vegetables climbed in value from $1,287,000 in a total in 1944 of $2,700,000. Vegetable seeds were produced in the Lower Mainland, Okanagan, Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island. Field crop seeds totaling $361,000, came mostly from the north, where advance labor alone resulted in a record 10,000 pounds of the Fraser Valley. Flower seeds to the value of $125,000 were mostly from Vancouver island.

SEED POTATOES SENT TO UNITED STATES

Sale of British Columbia seed potatoes to California where they were in demand for quality, freedom from disease and productivity was among highlights.

Value of fruit production climbed from $12,140,700 to a record $13,000,000. Berry crops, grains and fodders matched approximately, $25,000,000 compared with $25,246,000 the previous year. Dairy production advanced from $18,428,000 to $20,000,000. Livestock and poultry each reached approximately $13,000,000. Vegetables climbed from $6,261,000 to $7,500,000.

In the poultry field 1944 was the year of greatest expansion. British Columbia has broiler. Sales of dairy and chicks followed. Poultry and egg officials had to adopt poultry men to crop expansion. All dairy products showed sharp increases.

Contributing to increased values was a good growing season and an extended harvesting season which reduced frost losses to a minimum.

Marketing was easier with demand for almost all items and prices fair. The export market was better notably in the export of 2,000,000 boxes of apples. Value of agricultural exports reached approximately $20,000,000 compared with $18,846,000 in the preceding year.

Labor conditions also improved with no serious and damaging shortages developing although through out the year farm workers were continuously in demand.

BC LOG SCALE 1000,000 3 PER CENT INCREASE

The $4,000,000 increase in lumber product was due mainly to a 3 per cent gain in the log scale for the year. It was estimated this amount of logs would produce 2,600,000,000 feet of lumber. Prices continued at high levels.

As in 1943, the United Kingdom received the lion's share of British Columbia lumber and this will prevail again in 1945 on the basis of quotas set by the timber committee for the Dominion Supplies for local building have been increased slightly.

Resulting from keen demand by all mills, which continued for 48 hours a day, the supply of logs was almost completely disappeared. Mills, including pulp mills, are dealing with loggers on a contract basis, for nearly all supplies. It has been a seller's market, both for logs and lumber.

Many problem to maintain supplies of logs for lumber, has been eased somewhat by improvement in the labor situation, and the release of many heavy equipment. There is still a lack of skilled labor, and particularly fallers and buckers.

The Dominion Government, operation in the Queen Charlotte is guaranteed to provide airplane spruce clipped dowe after building up large reserves. Operations in the field now are on a normal basis with production 40 high grade spruce, balsam logs and cedar receiving emphasis. Cedar is in keen demand.

Despite transportation difficulties, a new record in Christmas tree production was established, chiefly as a result of East Kootenay operations. Producers were able to obtain United States railway cars, returning to the East empty, for shipment of trees. No Canadian cars were released for that purpose.

Forest fires during the year numbered 1,867 compared with the ten year average of 1,900. Fires killed 75,000,000 feet of accessible timber, of which 15 per cent may be salvaged, and caused a shortage few thousand cords of pulpwood. Less than 18,000 acres of inaccessible and 90,000 acres of immature timber were destroyed by fire, a fact that respects being about 4,200,000 acres of productive.

FORESTS PROTECTED BY FIRES

Fires are destroyed trees produce and in as much time to be moved out to the value of about $40,000 and building logging railways and logging equipment to a similar value

Lightning caused 38 per cent of the forest fires, campers and throwing 11 per cent and smokers 30 per cent. Due to use of coal, sometimes one of the best grade in place of oil and to heavy freight loads, railway fires increased sharply

Forest closure in the Vancouver Island and Lower Mainland areas in the July 31 August 7 period affected restrictions necessitated by extreme hazard, cut production considerably in the latter area.

A feature of the fire season was the use of teams of high school boys and women through the Province as fire brigades of the small white purpose was to flag out the fires at an early stage and whose work was most effective in preventing large outbreaks.

The annual shaft-burning program was carried out fairly successfully. Forest Branch officials reported increasing cooperation by logging operators in telling management of the larger fires, which formerly almost entirely by soldier stationed in the province.

REDUCED SALMON PACK CUTS FISHERIES VALUE

A reduced salmon pack accounted for the difference of slightly over $1,000,000 in the estimated value of fisheries compared with 1943. The pack during the past year amounted to 1,094,000 cases, as against 1,847,000 in 1943 and to 1,2,125,000 cases.

With the herring season only 10 thousand hogs were held that last year, increase would be expected in mid-December 40,000 hog were been caught. The pack at that time was 30,000 cases, and it was hoped to beat the 1943 total of 1,200,000 cases.

Nearly all the herring and a large part of the salmon packed in British Columbia was destined for Great Britain as well as other products of the prominent fisheries.

Tonnage of pilchard was given a 50,000 comparison with 75,000 but the pack was greater at 70,000 cases in 1944 compared with 41,000 cases in 1943. Two important fish meal producer, meal and oil, amounted to 8,500,000 and 1,188,000 gallons compared with 6,000,000 and 1,182,000 gallons the previous year.

Halibut catch was increased over 1943. The new treaty, designed to conserve stocks and protection was agreed for same as in 1943.

Fish packing provided by clams, 500,000 as $19,000,000 and rapeseed, bring up the total. Total value was an growth of fisheries, this being a preferred occupation as far as military calls are concerned, and has lobby for exclusive was again a serious problem.

COAL INCREASE HIGHLIGHT OF YEAR IN MINING

With the exception of coal which showed an increase, base production was at almost every field dropped from last year. Lack of labor was largely responsible.

Estimated value of coal for the year was $8,175,000 compared with $7,762,000 in 1943, and it was expected that figure would show not less than 100,000 tons over the previous year. Increases in the Vancouver Island and Peace River Provinces fields were more than offset by decreases elsewhere, notably in the Crow's Nest Pass area.

Structural materials showed a gain of $40,000 at $7,000,000. Metallic minerals metallic were above the about $4,000 at $1,200,000 in 1943 due to increased output of gas burned here, lead, zinc, copper, barite and sulphur.

Slightly decreased were in the base metal time being down because of John Elliot founder of Brangwen, Ont. a sister, Mrs. Aird Palmerville, lives in Vancouver

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The Old Year Passing

The Old Year is passing. There are not many people who would wish to hold it back. Even though the assurance of victory in mortal combat came to us from the months, it came at a high cost, in suffering, in losses, in absences which time cannot cure. Canada as a nation played her part in the year that is expiring. Her men fought. Her women worked. Her children did all and more than they were asked to do. It is as a nation strong in arms and strong in spirit that we have met the gravest test of modern times. We know now that the victory—of freedom over slavery, of light over darkness, of the better side of mankind over his worst nature—will have been earned when it effines.

One thinks first at this moment of Canadians who stand on the battlefield: so far away, so remote from all that we can see in our day's round. They have fought doggedly, beside the pick of the world. They have earned honors enough to insure Canada's place on the roster of fame for centuries to come. They have withheld nothing that was in their power to give. Many brave men, our youngest and our best, have laid down life itself in the common cause. The year is their memorial, their unforgettable marker in time. In Belgium, in Italy, at many another place around the world's circumference, veterans of the land, sea and air are fighting for us, some in their sixth year of warfare.

One thinks, too, of those at home who had crosses to bear and who bore them bravely. This is at the heart a valiant land. Our people have done well. They have worked hard and uncomplainingly. They have done without whatever was needed elsewhere. They have borne successes and defeats, triumphs and losses, manfully: neither over-elated nor yet cast down. They have grown to know each other better in the process, and that will be a gain for all time. Today is the last day of the Old Year. To each there will come as well a personal accounting, richest perhaps in experience. But before it goes, let us do 1944 simple justice: it tested Canada to her core and found her people sound. They are pioneering at valiantly as in the days of the fur brigades. So may it be in 1945, under the mercy and will of Providence, that we shall see the growing dawn for which human hearts are longing—the retoration of peace upon earth and goodwill toward men, after a long and savage night.

Tomorrow and Tomorrow

An honest history of the world, if written objectively outside of the viewpoint of every nation, would be a revealing document. There is probably no nation whose face would not turn red at one or other of its many chapters. Individuals and nations have striven so long and so hard to impose their will upon others that the law of trespass has been honored more often in the breach than in its observance. Armed aggression for instance is trespass, and ever in cases against itself an equal or a stronger force. It has taken a world war to teach nations that they live in the same world.

A world's history would disclose many things of interest. It would reveal the time lag between different civilizations inhabiting this planet simultaneously: stone age men in one corner, metropolitan life in another and so forth. It would deal with the common nature of man, not so much different perhaps from his hairy ancestors as to afford much ground for cheering. It would tell of sciences, arts and crafts, and of how little little they have been shared. It would be a kind of truthful blood-letting, the leaching of human vanity and swollen pride. After tomorrow, the world would grow used to its use as a basis for a full perspective of the world as a whole.

Fortunately tomorrow comes after tomorrow. There is time for man to learn many things history among them. Flying will impel a better knowledge of geography. The shrinkage of the world in time may induce a better understanding among people. It must—if people are to survive. And after many tomorrows the world may catch up on its time lags, may know the plane on which we live, may unite against more deadly foes than man—ignorance, weak superstition, the mumbo-jumbo of dead but unburied days. There is at we say plenty of time, but an honest world's history would help.

Counting the Harvest

The war-end trade reviews of British Columbia's primary industries once more disclose a season of well-rewarded effort. Forest products, farming, mining and fishery yielded products worth $105,500,000, mainly in these raw state before processing and manufacture. Forest products led with $124,000,000 as the value of lumber and paper products. Agriculture was in second place, with $100,000,000 as its annual yield. Mining hit in its precious metals division, fell to $50,000,000; while the harvest from the sea grew to $31,500,000, or close to its peak. Manufactures under war stimulation were booming, although precise figures cannot be obtained immediately. The tourist industry was quiet, due to war and the difficulty of traveling.

The surprise of the year was probably in agriculture, where a bumper apple crop, a brisk market for poultry, and considerable stimulation in seed production all contributed to one of the highest values reported by British Columbia farms in a like period. Shortage of labor influenced mining, notably in gold and other ores the effects extending into war production. Fisheries benefited from considerable packs of salmon and herring, and a lively trade in halibut and other fisheries. In the forest division, pulp and paper continued strong, with logs and lumber of all grades in enhanced demand. Labor again was short in the woods, while fire-closure interrupted the year at mid-season.

The record, however, is impressive. It tells graphically how much British Columbia is really contributing to Canada's war effort in many and indispensible ways. We are less impressed with the cited dollar value for combined production than we are with the fact that this result means that a great deal of work was done, and well done. British Columbia worked hard in 1944. If to this could have been added the ships built, planes turned out, and the thousand and one things being produced directly for war, the record would be even more impressive. The basic industries, however, will continue wholly in the war, and there is in that room for sound faith in the years to come. We have work to do, men to do it, and the skills to do it with.

December's Palette

Rich are the pigments on December's palette. The moss-brown wink like fairy lamps in green every hand. Cotoneasters encarmine grey. Winter rocks and brighten moss-grown fences. The evergreens grow into conscious pride, and at their feet the bracken dissolves in dun-grey patterns. On the mountain ash a few red berried clusters hang disconsolate, bereft of their leaves, deserted by the robins. The arbutus exults its full, fat fraves, flaunting its firm foliage in the face of its stricken companions. Ivy grows broad and green along the ground and into the latest ruin. Holly, privet and laurel, cypress, cedar and box, green hedges border lanes and gardens with the brightness of life.

There is color on the horizon, where blue mountains gleam for a quiet moment and disappear behind a dove-grey mist. Ermine cloaks their shoulders, the clean snow that no human foot has tred, the black rock that thrusts its surface to the weather come what may. There is rich color in the valleys, where firs and pines keep vigil on their tawny hillsides. The Winter creeks look black and bending willows arch their backs in grace'ul dances to the music of the tumbling water. Dun and russet is the meadow, wet and grey the long highway where rattling leaves still whirl and dance to elfin measures at the crossroads.

The Strait of Juan de Fuca is shot with silvery lights, reflecting sunshine from behind the wandering clouds. The sky is like a pastoral in grey, with quiet peace in infinite, changing corridors. Wildfowl are knife-edged silhouettes black against the strained and softened light. The seagulls plaintive note re echoes from bay to headland along unruffled waters. The full tide, lethargic lapses upon the shore without the strength to move a single pebble. Day passes quickly and night steals fast upon an overshadowed twilight, the moon a ball of vivid amber in a blue black sky.

Seen in Passing

Our toast may the New Year bring you hope, hope to plan and to work for that which you most want in life be it what it will. Hope to rise up early and work at things your heart is set upon. Hope beyond the discouragement of a hundred setbacks hope that knows no quitting, hope that aims at stars, and burns the brighter for a thousand rebuffs. Hope to say that you can make of yourself just what you will so long as it be a rightful goal. Hope to live, to do, to date. Reprinted by request, from The Daily Colonist files.

No one has yet been able to explain why a dog loves a human being with a selfless devotion perhaps unequalled among all other living and breathing creatures. It is not based on food, because the dog as an animal could as easily find its own. It is not based to receive second companionship, and perhaps psychic influences which only a dog may understand. The devotion is as real as it is often beyond human comprehension.

The Brave New Year

We greet the brave, not aged, New Year
Its hour can challenge and cheer
When hours by thousands feel the woe
Of blood that stains the Christmas snow.

Like great trees rent by forest fires
Whole armies crash and life expires
And dark clouds roll, yet through them shine
Some rays of deeds and true divine.

There's lightning in the darkest cloud
To strike to earth the harsh and proud
And light our paths with hope and cheer
To march into the brave New Year.

For they who battle for the right
Are helped round with God's own light
Which shines through darkness, death and fear
To make the brave—the glad New Year.

—JAMES MORTON.

Victoria, B.C.

Trials Pending

By PERTINAX

North American Newspaper Alliance

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The High Court of Justice before which will be hauled the ministers and the high officials of the so-called Vichy Government, including Petain and Laval has set to work. This means that the French Provisional Government has solved two thorny problems of jurisdiction and procedure, suffering organization in the parliamentary commissions of liberation were involved, but they have been brought to a satisfactory conclusion. A system of popular justice strictly controlled by the judiciary will be sure that all will be given a fair trial has been devised.

Under the Republican Constitution of 1875, it devolved upon the Senate to judge the president of the republic and the ministers who were charged with having abused their trust and, more generally, any person accused of an attempt upon the safety of the state. But the Republican Constitution and the Senate have ceased to exist and the National Assembly — which, possibly, must decide to fulfill the judicial function of its Senate—cannot be elected until the 1,000,000 Frenchmen now detained in Germany are back in the homeland.

Meanwhile, public opinion is not of a mood to accept that, while suspected criminals are sure to face the firing squad or are condemned to serve long sentences of imprisonment, prompt punishment should not be meted out to chief collaborators. Therefore, some substitute had to be found for the senatorial high court of former time.

The Provisional Government thought for a while of setting up instantly constituted military tribunals. On further reflection, it was deemed more advisable to create an entirely new court in which terms were judges and men selected from the resistance movements sit side by side with superior judges assigned to them.

In accordance with the traditional rules of French criminal procedure, the new high court of justice consists of three parts.

First, a board of investigating judges whose task is to gather evidence and, on the strength of it, to determine the guilt or innocence of the accused. Second, the judges of the court of cassation (the highest judicial court), the president of the Appeal Court of Paris, and six highest judges (one of them a woman judiciary) appointed by the consultative assembly are to be members of that board.

Second, a staff of public prosecutors—three in number (—treated by M. Mornet, who is a retired judge of the court of cassation, President from years ago M. Mornet was commissioned to act as prosecutor in the trial of Pierre Laval, former vice-president of the Senate and today a minister of Vichy, and, more recently, in the trial of that period, Bolo Bleyde, and the records of the Peoples Hour—

Third, the court itself, that is, a president of judges, composed of the first president of the court of cassation, the president of the criminal section of that same court, the first president of the Appeal Court, and 24 jurymen, half of whom were chosen by the former resistance and the others who refused to invest Petain and Laval with dictatorial power on July 10 1940, and the other half by the consultative assembly in which the resistance groups continued a majority.

The question may still be asked whether the National Assembly is not likely to have views of its own on the subject and to interfere with the arrangements already put in force. But this is a remark that does not apply exclusively to the new high court of justice. Every step taken by the Provisional Government is liable to be revised, and the rights of Vichy and their promise are their hope on the reaction of the electorate on the provisional Government errors may generate in the intermediate period.

Meanwhile the insistent demand of the groups of resistance and liberation that no time should be wasted, and that the trial and the preliminary investigations should be allowed to drag on, even if a majority of the 48 ministers have to be tried in collusion. But very differently the Socialists of the February, 1848, revolution were apprehensive of the Petit coming elections, and, with a clear perception of what was at stake for them, endeavored to have them delayed. But the provisional Government and the resistance movements are firmly rooted in French soil, while the visionary Socialists of 1848 dwelled in the clouds.

Tides at Victoria

DECEMBER

Date	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.
Daily	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.
1	7:00	8.0	12:45	2.7	19:00	8.2	23:45	2.9
2	7:45	8.0	13:30	2.7	19:45	8.2		
3	1:30	2.9	8:30	8.0	14:15	2.7	20:30	8.2
4	2:15	2.9	9:15	8.0	15:00	2.7	21:15	8.2
5	3:00	2.9	10:00	8.0	15:45	2.7	22:00	8.2
6	3:45	2.9	10:45	8.0	16:30	2.7	22:45	8.2
7	4:30	2.9	11:30	8.0	17:15	2.7	23:30	8.2
8	5:15	2.9	12:15	8.0	18:00	2.7		
9	6:00	2.9	13:00	8.0	18:45	2.7	19:30	8.2
10	6:45	2.9	13:45	8.0	19:30	2.7	20:15	8.2
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16	11:15	2.9	18:15	8.0			18:00	8.2
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23	16:30	2.9	23:30	8.0			23:15	8.2
24	17:15	2.9			18:00	2.7		
25	18:00	2.9	18:45	8.0	18:45	2.7	19:30	8.2
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27	19:30	2.9	20:15	8.0	20:15	2.7	21:00	8.2
28	20:15	2.9	21:00	8.0	21:00	2.7	21:45	8.2
29	21:00	2.9	21:45	8.0	21:45	2.7	22:30	8.2
30	21:45	2.9	22:30	8.0	22:30	2.7	23:15	8.2
31	22:30	2.9	23:15	8.0	23:15	2.7		

The time used is Pacific Standard for the 120th meridian, which is equivalent to the 8 hour time used in Victoria for civil affairs. The figures for height serve to distinguish the high tides from the low tides. Where heights occur in the table, the time on Daylight Saving Time (Pacific Daylight Saving Time) is obtained by adding one hour to the time given.

To find the times of water on the 45th meridian (Port Angeles, Port Townsend, etc.) add 20 minutes to the times given for Victoria. To find the height of tides water on these ports add 0.1 foot to the height given for Victoria.

HEROIC NETHERLANDERS

More than 1,700 Netherlands seamen have been lost on Dutch ships sunk by the Axis since 1940.

Observation Car

By G.R.

In the line of clothing, Look forecasts for 1945: "More infants' and children's clothing will be on the market. More low-priced clothing will be manufactured. Nylon hosiery still not be available. The general quality of men's and women's apparel will not be improved. The quantity of yard goods and home sewing will not be increased. More elastic will be produced. Restrictions on the manufacture of women's clothing will not be lifted."—From Picture Post. "The Nazi is prepared to hatred, and in his homeland he is also hated. From east and west the Allied armies approach, inexorable, certain of victory. The German in the last ditch has been cured by bitterness that whether he surrenders or fights, he will be exterminated. That is the chief lie which our political warfare must refut. It will hasten the end of the war and save 100,000 Allied lives, if we can convince the Germans that we intend to punish the guilty, be merciful to the weak and regenerate the misled. We must show that we know what Hitler has proved, that it is possible to exterminate most, but not national."

Stevenson visiting Chicago travel free on street cars and buses, have free meals at numerous canteens, free passes to picture shows, ball games and other events, and free sleeping accommodation if required ..... Men who would have female mail first be a friend ..... Strange regulations have been made since the outbreak of war. A Fairfield butcher told us he was twice rebuked by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board for selling ground steak at too low a price ..... Strange things happen in the city council. Not long ago they rounded off the northwest corner of the intersection Bowen and Fairfield Road, a corner around which there is very little traffic. At least 95 per cent of the traffic is around the opposite northeast corner and nothing has been rounded off 20 years ago.

"SHOWDOWN"

Letters to the Editor

No letter to the editor will be inserted unless the writer's name is signed thereto. Pen names may be used if desired. This is a rule of no exception. No letter giving a signed name will be published if the request for pseudonym cannot be refused.

WAR PENSIONERS

Sir: There is one class of civilian in Canada who must never have been considered worthy of consideration, yet must bear the extra load of living like any other person. I refer to the civilian blind and wounded disabilities pensioners, who are unable because of time disabilities to augment their pensions to any way.

When one made of time in to empt of two, three, and four times the amount these pensioners receive not being assisted, and who keep asking for and receiving the same pittance year from to to year, it makes one ponder if there really exists any doubt on the part of the Government to do justice to those who are still suffering as a result of wounds received during the Great War, yes and the present war.

I know there are many pensioners who are against increases, also against increases and bonuses too I do not refer to this class, but rather those who are in the same boat wounds, suffering the real pain crippling disabilities and yet are unable to do any work because of time disabilities.

It is high time this line of pensioner received a better deal.

I could go a lot of talking and quoting too on this subject but enough for today, thank you, in advance I feel that the powers that be mind be in possession of all the facts. Thank you, sir, kindly.

HERBERT STOKES

Lynkhout Bowden Avenue Lake Hill P.O. Victoria, B.C. December, 29 1944

Sunrise and Sunset

DECEMBER

Times of sunrise and sunset (Pacific Standard time) at Victoria, B.C. for the 45th parallel and the 120th meridian.

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
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GO TO ISLE OF MAN

DOUGLAS, Isle of Man, (AP)—Douglas boarding house proprietors are anxious to have visitors come to the island for prolonged of well present to the south of England. Douglas is a growing Bournemouth, where on the island.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From The Daily Colonist—Issue for December 31, 1919.

Retired Wire Hand Barbed wire entanglements are being constructed around the Temperance Lodge at Esquimalt, the change being made in the new Fall, who will occupy the Chief Secretary's office in the centre. This is to prevent possibility of attack upon the lodge from the rear.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

From The Daily Colonist—Issue for December 31, 1894.

Soon Enterprise. The street parlors of San Francisco. Finding the shoe-blacking lotto with bring high-minded and pain-killing trade washing now will, particularly—emptors to forestall the coming of a shake.

Russian Front

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the annihilation of your encircled troops and liquidation for their annihilation and also for the destruction of Budapest and the Danube is inhabitants will rest on you."

One Soviet officer, Moscow said, "in spite of his elegantly dressed flag," was riddled by German rifle and machine gun fire as he drove through the suburb of Kalpest Friday.

Simultaneously, another Russian officer with an interpreter set off toward the German lines from the west bank of the Danube, also bearing a white flag. This officer was fired on by German bombardiers. Still that his lieutenant was rejected and that there would be no negotiations.

"While this officer was on his way back the Germans opened fire on him and he was shot dead in the back," Moscow said, charging the enemy with "premeditated murder and violation of the rules of war."

The interpreter got back to Soviet positions "through thorny brush." The announcement said

In offering the Germans a chance either than death the ultimatum pointed out that the German Army was nailed down or retreating every where on the Eastern Front and that "in the West the German offensive so widely acclaimed by the Hitlerites is fizzling out and can change nothing in the course of the war."

From Europe

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Premier called in the Commons yesterday that the present news timeline from the Belgian bulge front, roughly 36 hours, would continue while bulger because open news disclosure would aid the German Command in evaluating the weights and location of Allied counter-measures.

DIES IN SON'S ARMS

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 30.—Mrs. Edith A. Thompson, 54, failed to see her army son leave at the end of his furlough. Blue doll, Pfc. Elmer L. Thompson was bidding his mother farewell at the train when she collapsed and died in his arms.

According to Cubertson

Decisions reached through panic are not apt to be conspicuously sound. In London East was sure that any bid he might make would end in retaliation, so he took the safer way out. It was not easy either for him or his partner.

Fourth dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A Q J 10 5 4 7
♥ 10 3
♦ 8 5 4
♣ 10 5

WEST
♠ K 3
♥ A 9
♦ K J 10
♣ A Q J 9 8 3

EAST
♠ J
♥ J 8 6 5 2
♦ A 9 7 6 3
♣ 7 4 2

SOUTH
♠ 9 6
♥ A K Q 9 7
♦ Q 5 2
♣ K 9 6

The bidding

South	West	North	East
1 Spade	Pass	2 Spades	Pass
Pass	Pass		

North pass was extremely questionable but it certainly turned out magnificently. Had he had his spade suit he either would have ended up in a four spade contract, down one, or, if he had made an insufficient part-score. As it was, when East was so apparently beaten as to pass, one heart doubled North. South came out with a very sub-normal heart.

West opened the diamond king but then, feeling that his only hope of taking many tricks was to get their ruffs of diamonds or ruffs in hearts, continued to the four of hearts. The ten was put up, East overcalled. East's three remaining trumps were easily picked up and another trick had gone down. Had North gone, on a contract for game, he would made 10-odd and received the tactitous bonus of 1050 points, after the line. The extra tricks at 200 points each, and 50 points for fulfilling a doubled contract.

Needless to say East should not have passed the opening double of one heart despite his length in the opponents' suit. He has not one sure trick in that suit; he did not take one trick; and as a matter of fact, nothing had could have happened to his side at either two diamonds or two clubs.

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D. C. Coleman Discusses C.P.R. Plans for Postwar Period

The year 1944 now about to close, will be a year of activity for the railways of this country, D. C. Coleman, chairman and president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, said in the annual review released yesterday. During the higher gear than had been anticipated, some expectations that its progress might be marred by a decided decline from the peak of the wartime traffic that had shown a steadily rising volume over the previous four years. This expectation, no doubt, had as its basis a somewhat too optimistic outlook toward the possibility of an early cessation, or at least one of pronounced easing off, of the war in Europe. Things have not worked out that way, and well up to the end of the year the railways have been called upon to sustain without appreciable easement the military and other wartime necessities have placed upon them.

They have continued adequately and efficiently to maintain the effort, in the face of shortages of materials, equipment and labor, he said, in such a manner as to make a contribution to the national war effort second to that of no other industry. This is quite apart from their more direct contribution represented by the output of workshops engaged in the production of war materials such as the tanks, naval guns, marine engines and other military equipment that have been pouring out of Canadian Pacific shops since the war began.

"We do not know what the coming year will bring in. There is the earnest hope, and even the high expectation, that well before it has passed the war in Europe definitely the period of readjustment which will follow need necessarily be marked by such a pronounced industrial and commercial depression as that which occurred after the last great war. We still shall have the war to the Pacific before us and it would be unwise to underestimate its very likely serious nature or the length of its duration and the extent to which it will call for a continued, through insistent, production of war materials. We declared it should be remembered, also, that this year will have been considerably longer than did that of 1918, if and that the necessity for war production has been far greater and has seriously affected a far wider range of our peacetime industries, with the result that these industries in their effort to catch up with the normal need for non-war products will have before them a task that will take some time to accomplish."

Canadian business will enter this period of readjustment in far better shape to deal with it effectively than was the case a quarter century ago, Both Government and private enterprise are richer by the experience then gained. There will be a clearer vision of what lies ahead and more time in which to plan for the future. Also, born out of the war, there will be new industries each making its demand upon raw materials, labor and capital and, thus, adding to the production of national wealth, Mr. Coleman said.

"The part which Canadian railways will have to play in this whole of readjustment will be no less important or exacting than that which they have so successfully achieved during the war. They will enter upon the task as greatly in need of new equipment and improved and increased facilities as will any other industry, and the necessity for a wise planning of their future development will be no less important or exacting.

"For some time now the Canadian Pacific Railway has had a special committee of its officers at work formulating plans for this reconstruction period and its deliberations have covered a wide range of activities. Already it is apparent that much will require to be done if the property and its equipment is to maintain through this period the high standard of efficiency which has marked its operation in the past, the C.P.R. president stated.

"Surveys and preparations for this work have been going forward for some time and the materials involved will include practically everything that go to make up the operation and operation of a railroad. The types and standards of these materials will be most modern and the highest obtainable at the time. Activities under study include among other things, large scale maintenance projects and improvements on tracks and bridges in anticipation of increasing public revenue and increasing speed and weight of locomotives, some new line construction to serve areas now settled and not served by railway, and improvements in shops, engine houses, freight sheds, passenger stations and other plants.

"It is to be expected that the company's shipping activities on both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans will at a reasonably early date assume at least the proportions of prewar days. Many Canadian Pacific ships have been lost by enemy action and these will have to be replaced. Canada's tourist trade, to the development of which this company has so greatly contributed, will need a large measure of re-establishment, the main factor of which will be a vigorous and widespread campaign of advertising," said Mr. Coleman.

"The program of work which I have here outlined is very general in fashion represents the expenditure of large sums of money. It falls into two classes, one having the nature of special maintenance of the property, while the other may be classed as betterments and extensions. It is the company's expectation that the costs of these projects can be met out of reserves for such purposes, earnings and, where necessary, judicious financing.

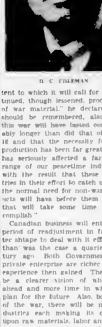
"The successful meeting of the above expenditures is, of course, predicated on the expectation that economic conditions, costs of materials and labor and regulatory controls of what the company may charge for its services will be rendered sufficiently flexible to allow the company such modest profits from which to meet them as it enjoyed previous to the depression of the 1930's.

"In pursuing this policy of re-establishment to the best advantage of Canadian industry the railways will urgently need the sympathetic considerations of the Canadian people, their Government and labor. From the people the railways should have a broader understanding of the difficulties under which they operate, and from the Government an equitable regulation of those transportation agencies such as buses, trucks, etc., which in the past have been in a position to offer the railways unfair competition and which may be expected to greatly extend their operations in the future.

"Intelligent co-operation of labor with employers throughout the whole period of re-establishment and reconstruction, will prove to be a dominating influence in whatever success may attend the national effort towards sustained prosperity. Undoubtedly we shall enter a period of highly competitive world trade, and the costs of delivering products to the consumer are no less important in the securing of markets than are the primary costs of production.

"As it now stands, the railway wage scale, under the impact of the general increase ordered by the National War Labor Board in July last, creates a stiff hurdle in the road to profitable railway operation. The effect of these increases may be gauged from the fact that for the period over which they have been effective, September 1, 1943, up to the end of this year 1944, they represent an added cost of operation to the company of approximately $15,000,000. While it has authoritatively been stated that to the Canadian National the added cost has been a matter of $22,000,000. These figures speak for themselves pointing the way to a situation in which lies a serious threat to the progress of the nation's industry and commerce.

"Given understanding co-operation from all those whose interests are in any way involved, the railways can and will make a valuable contribution to postwar re-establishment in all its phases. The part they take in this work will be achieved as effectively as that which they have accomplished in the war effort, and I have no doubt that, if such co-operation becomes general throughout Canadian business, we shall witness the re-establishment of sound and sustained prosperity leading to continued national progress," Mr. Coleman stated.



D. C. COLEMAN

Canadian Airmen Help Aid Seaman

SEATTLE, Dec. 30 (AP)—Thirteenth Naval District headquarters today had high praise for the heroic and co-operative efforts of the R.C.A.F. in saving the life of a sick seaman, who needed intravenous fluid to sustain him until his ship could reach shore.

The 13th District on December 26 informed the Canadian flying control officer at Vancouver of its plan to fly fluid to the stricken man's ship, since the flight would be over Canadian waters.

"Couldn't a Canadian Catalina out of Coal Harbor, Vancouver Island, save an hour or two," the Canadian officer managed back.

The Catalina's crew were officially on leave at the time, but replied "That does not matter" when told of the mission.

Twelve minutes before the deadline set by the ship's doctor for the imperative arrival of the fluid the Catalina dropped the first parcel of medicine in a Bircham barrel and followed it within a few minutes with three more successful attempts.

The stricken seaman was kept alive until hospital facilities could be reached and now is recovering at Marine Hospital here.

Canada Fourth

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aircraft annually. Today her five-year total stands near 13,000.

"Nor is that all. It was on Canada's broad fields that the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan became reality.

"In cramped, bombed Britain we could never have carried through the stupendous project that has given us mastery of the air. There in her clear skies, 60,000 Canadian (with British, 4,007 Australian and 8,028 New Zealand members of the Royal Air Force) fledged their wings.

"The editorial said these achievements were enough but were small when the whole vast field of production was surveyed.

"All this has been accomplished the editorial continued in spite of Canada's mobilization of more than 750,000 of her sons and daughters in her national forces.

"Canadian industrial output per head exceeds even our own," it said.

"This thriving member of the British Commonwealth is destined to be both a great Atlantic and Pacific power. Her origins over no small part of those northern lands that form the roof of the world, the first lane she was opening the first to chart. All the Empire salutes her with pride in her present deeds and confidence in her great future."

SHOE RATIONING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—Tightening of shoe rationing in the United States is imminent, it was learned today. Reliable sources said the current points of two pairs a year cannot be continued in 1945.

Warming Up Before Battle

Members of a British Tank Unit on the British Second Army Front Have a Warm-Up Beside Their Tanks Before Moving Off for the Attack.

Fire in Toronto

TORONTO, Dec. 30 (CP)—A three-alarm fire swept uncontrolled for almost three hours tonight through a number of downtown Toronto business establishments, gutting at least three and causing damage estimated tentatively at close to $100,000.

A number of firemen were cut by flying glass in fighting the blaze, believed to have started in the basement of the Honey Dew Restaurant. No one was injured seriously enough to require hospital treatment. Police cordons were formed to hold back Saturday night crowds attracted by the fire scene before midnight. Despite the late hour, hundreds of citizens turned out to honor him at the railway station and later at a civic reception held at the armories.

At the reception, Canada's seventh Victoria Cross winner was presented with a watch and his wife with a Victory Certificate by W. T. Cunningham, former principal of the King George Public School which Maj. Currie attended during his boyhood days. His home now is at Green Bound, Ont.

Flowers were also presented to Maj. Currie's wife and mother.

Main speaker was Chief Justice W. M. Martin, Saskatchewan Administrator.

"The address of welcome was given by Deputy Mayor J. C. MacDonald. The band of the King's Own Rifles of Canada, Maj. Currie's original battalion, rendered "Hail the Conquering Hero Comes" and "When Davey Comes Marching Home Again."

Toronto Mayoralty At Stake Monday

TORONTO, Dec. 30 (CP)—Municipal voters in Toronto, Canada's second largest city, go to the polls Monday to choose a mayor, city council and board of education for 1945 after a quiet election campaign.

The contest lies between Dr. Fred J. Conboy, acting his fifth consecutive term, and Controller Robert H. Saunders.

ORDERS INTERNMENT

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC ADVANCED COMMAND, Dec. 30 (AP)—Gen. MacArthur today ordered military internment of Filipinos who "give aid, comfort and sustenance to the enemy."

V.C. Hero Feted At Moose Jaw

MOOSE JAW, Sask., Dec. 30 (CP)—Moose Jaw welcomed home early today its greatest fighting son of the war, Maj. David Currie, V.C., hero of the three-day battle which virtually sealed the escape gap for the German Seventh Army in the Falaise pocket of Normandy last August 21.

"Build B.C. Payrolls"

NOW SHE HAS NONE

"We spent our holidays up the coast where Pacific Milk is unrationed.

"We fairly revelled in it.

"However, all we brought home was one can which we had left —

"I boarded that for some special use, which turned out to be a cake and icing last week"—E.D.

Pacific MILK

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We Extend Our Best Wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year

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A short cut to cough relief—

PERTUSSIN

IT WORKS FAST!

Saving ONE shovelful in FIVE makes the FUEL last longer

When icy winds come with a drive
Still save one shovelful in five

DEPARTMENT OF MUNITIONS AND SUPPLY
Hon. C.D. Howe - Minister

STOCKER'S

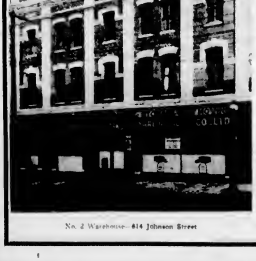
35 YEARS IN VICTORIA

Security Storage & Warehouse Co., Ltd.

WISHES ALL VICTORIANS A HAPPY AND VICTORIOUS NEW YEAR

. . . Remember . . .
WE WELCOME YOUR INSPECTION

"Look Before You Store---It Pays"



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Reduced Rates for Electric Service

Effective January 1, 1945

The following is a summary of the announcement by the Public Utilities Commission whereby a reduction in rates for certain electric services becomes effective on January 1, 1945, in the Vancouver Island South districts, and is given here for the information of our light and power customers.

NOTE—The new rate codes will be applicable to all bills rendered on meter readings taken during January, 1945, and thereafter until further notice!

Residence Services

CONSUMPTION	CITY	SUBURBAN	RURAL
First 40 kwhs used per month	4½¢ per kwh.	6¢ per kwh.	6½¢ per kwh.
Next 200 kwhs used per month	2¢ per kwh.	2¢ per kwh.	2¢ per kwh.
All excess of 240 kwhs per month	1¢ per kwh.	2¢ per kwh.	2¢ per kwh.
MINIMUM CHARGES:			
Lighting and Small Appliances	75¢ per mth.	$1.00 per mth.	$1.00 per mth.
Lighting, Small Appliances and Electric Range	$2.25 per mth.	$2.50 per mth.	$2.50 per mth.

Commercial Lighting Services

CONSUMPTION	CITY	SUBURBAN	RURAL
First 500 kwhs used per month	4¢ per kwh.	5¢ per kwh.	5½¢ per kwh.
All excess of 500 kwhs per month	2½¢ per kwh.	3½¢ per kwh.	4¢ per kwh.
MINIMUM CHARGES	75¢ per mth.	$1.00 per mth.	$1.00 per mth.

NOTE—THE CITY DISTRICT is that area within the City of Victoria, and Municipalities of Esquimalt and Oak Bay, and all the area in Saanich within the three mile circle from the City Hall, Victoria.

THE SUBURBAN DISTRICT includes those areas in the Municipality of Saanich outside the three mile circle and unorganized districts with the exception of Sooke, Mill Bay, Cobble Hill and Shawnigan Lake.

THE RURAL DISTRICT includes the districts of Sooke, Mill Bay, Cobble Hill and Shawnigan Lake.

The rate schedules covering domestic water heating, display and sign lighting, general and commercial cooking, commercial refrigeration, also commercial and industrial power services have not been modified and will, therefore, continue to be effective as heretofore.

BRITISH COLUMBIA ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY, LTD.

Light and Power Department Phone G 7121

Social and Personal

Mrs. A. J. L. Pritchard will arrive in Victoria shortly from Winnipeg.

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Miss Margaret Watson, Victoria, arrived in Vancouver Thursday by plane from the East, and is visiting Mrs. W. B. Brooks.

Mrs. Ernest Temple, Beach Drive, was at home to more than 40 friends during the holiday season.

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Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Cecil Lyons are spending the New Year's holiday in Victoria, the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. C. Shaw.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. H. King, Craigdarroch Road, have as their guest over the holidays Mrs. A. E. Henderson, who arrived from Vancouver yesterday.

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Mrs. Cyril Bernard, Dewdney Avenue, entertained at the tea hour Friday afternoon, in honor of Mrs. M. A. Ross, Montreal, who is visiting her brother-in-law and sister, Lt.-Cmdr. and Mrs. H. C. B. Davis.

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W.O.1 F. W. Dealey, his wife and son, Billy, are spending the holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Dealey, Obed Avenue, and will return to Sea Island on Monday.

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Lieut.-N.S.-M.A.G. O'Leary who recently returned from overseas and is now on the staff of the Nanaimo Military Hospital, is holiday-ing with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick O'Leary, Pemberton Street.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. S. M. Forbes and their son, Mackenzie, have returned to their home in West Vancouver after spending the Christmas holidays with Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Leonard and Mrs. David Forbes.

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Mainland guests at the Empress Hotel include Miss Gladys Clark, West Vancouver, Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Clark, New Westminster, Mrs. D. H. Clark, New Westminster, and Charles V. Maver and Mrs. S. C. Mayer, also of New Westminster.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Cornwall, Albion and Kamen, Williams Lake; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Macdonald, Vancouver, and P.O. and Mrs. R. D. Irving, Comox, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Cornwall, Arbutus Road.

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A/C1 Carmen J. Roberts, R.C.A.F., is arriving today from Calgary to visit Mrs. Harold Lovick, Cadboro Bay Road, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. L. W. Roberts, Mrs. Lovick's daughter, over New Year's Day.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Binny and their small son, David Bruce, have returned to their home at Marpole, B.C., after spending ten days' holiday here as the guests of Mrs. J. Heller, Broughton Street.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jay and Donna-Rae, their children, Jay and Donna-Rae, have gone to Duncan, B.C., to be the guests of Mr. Downard's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Downard, for the New Year weekend.

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Mrs. Kay Shaver entertained for the Eight Belles Bridge Club recently. Present were Mrs. Bell-Irving, Mrs. Anna Baxter, Mrs. Eva Gaunt, Mrs. Vera Rabb, Mrs. Frances Thom, Mrs. Dorothy Munday and Mrs. Norma Aris.

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A no-host party at the Empress Hotel supper dance on New Year's Eve has been arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pollard, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Heybrock and their son, Boundary Leader Peter Heybrock, R.C.A.F., Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bousfield, Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Douglas and their daughter, Joan, and guests, and Captain and Mrs. Kenneth Macken, Vancouver.

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New Year's guests at The Priory, Pemberton Road, include Mr. John Metcalf, Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Dupervail, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sirnie, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Smythe and Mr. and Mrs. Clausey, Tacoma, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lloyd, Miss Betty Clerston, Miss Elsie Reed, Miss E. Under, Miss A. Dodge, Miss Bernice Bloodside and Miss Elsie Spence, Seattle.

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In honor of Mrs. T. O'Grady, the former Miss Daphne Nunns, the Women's Guild of St. Mary's Church, Cobble Hill, B.C., held a coffee party at the home of Mrs. C. Trasdale, the president, Mrs. T. E. Philp, presented the guest of honor with a silver bowl and tray. Guests were received by Mrs. Philp and Mrs. Trasdale. Presiding at the coffee urns were Mrs. A. de L. Nunns and Mrs. R. Gibson.

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Mrs. H. F. Lasenby, 1144 Gallas Road, has as holiday guests her brother, Mr. Wilson E. Griffin, Mrs. Griffin and their young son, Michael, who arrived from Vancouver. Mr. Griffin went overseas with the Westminster Regiment, and later toured England and Scotland with a concert party entertaining the troops. He was released and invalided home last Spring, and is now living in Vancouver.

The Empress Hotel was the scene of numerous holiday parties yesterday. Tea hostesses were Mrs. N. A. Cameron, Mrs. Ernest Hall, Mrs. Ernest Hall, Jr., Mrs. Ernest Hall, III, Mrs. Ernest Hall, IV, Mrs. Ernest Hall, V, Mrs. Ernest Hall, VI, Mrs. Ernest Hall, VII, Mrs. Ernest Hall, VIII, Mrs. Ernest Hall, IX, Mrs. Ernest Hall, X, Mrs. Ernest Hall, XI, Mrs. Ernest Hall, XII, Mrs. Ernest Hall, XIII, Mrs. Ernest Hall, XIV, Mrs. Ernest Hall, XV, Mrs. Ernest Hall, XVI, Mrs. Ernest Hall, XVII, Mrs. Ernest Hall, XVIII, Mrs. Ernest Hall, XIX, Mrs. Ernest Hall, XX, Mrs. Ernest Hall, XXI, Mrs. Ernest Hall, XXII, Mrs. Ernest Hall, XXIII, Mrs. Ernest Hall, XXIV, Mrs. Ernest Hall, XXV, Mrs. Ernest Hall, XXVI, Mrs. Ernest Hall, XXVII, Mrs. Ernest Hall, XXVIII, Mrs. Ernest Hall, XXIX, Mrs. Ernest Hall, XXX, Mrs. Ernest Hall, XXXI, Mrs. Ernest Hall, XXXII, Mrs. Ernest Hall, XXXIII, Mrs. Ernest Hall, XXXIV, Mrs. Ernest Hall, XXXV, Mrs. Ernest Hall, XXXVI, Mrs. Ernest Hall, XXXVII, Mrs. Ernest Hall, XXXVIII, Mrs. Ernest Hall, XXXIX, Mrs. Ernest Hall, XXXX, Mrs. Ernest Hall, XXXXI, Mrs. Ernest Hall, 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Greetings From War Fronts

From every battlefield in Europe and Asia, and from every prison camp in Germany and the Far East, come New Year greetings and words of appreciation from servicemen and women to the people of British Columbia, through Hon. E. W. Hamber, president of the British Columbia Division of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

In extending his own personal greetings and thanks to all loyal supporters of the Red Cross, he says:

"This year will call for more effort. The battle is not over, the Red Cross enough must still carry supplies across enemy lines, must still rush blood serum to battlefields, must still succor and protect the wounded on battlefields and at home. May this next year bring the peace we are all fighting for so that the Red Cross may again carry its message of peace on earth, goodwill to man, to every country in the world."

Dance in Gymnasium

So-Ed Club was held last night at the Y.M.C.A., with 150 couples present. Novelty dances were featured throughout the evening, and the gymnasium was gaily decorated for the occasion.

Committee in charge of arrangements included Mrs. Helen Simpson, secretary of the co-educational Y.M.C.A., Joyce Robinson, Norman Messerschmidt, Doris Bleakman, Laura Manton, Kenneth Simpson and Alma Malcolm.

Miss Woodward Hostess to Vancouver Guests

—By Staff Photographer

Miss Mary Twigg Woodward, daughter of Lieutenant-Governor W. C. Woodward and Mrs. Woodward, is spending the holiday at Government House. With Miss Woodward, left, who has been attending the University of British Columbia, are her two house guests, Miss Heather Blundell, centre, and Miss Mary Pagan, right, both of Vancouver.

Societies

St. Martin's W.A. will meet Tuesday at the home of Mrs. R. Harding, 2035 Cooper Avenue.

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Solarium W.A. will meet Wednesday at 2.30 o'clock at the Solarium office.

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Ladies Aid to the F.O.E. Airle No. 12 will meet Thursday at 8 p.m. at headquarters, 711 View Street.

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The Ministering Circle of the King's Daughters will meet at headquarters on Friday, January 5, at 2.30 p.m.

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Regular monthly meeting of the Victoria sub-division, Catholic Women's League, will be held in the Parish Hall Tuesday at 8 p.m.

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The meeting of St. Mary's Women's Guild, Oak Bay, has been postponed until January 18, the secretary announced yesterday.

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Esquimalt Community Club will not meet until February, the January meeting having been cancelled because of the holiday.

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Daughters of St. George, Princess Patricia Lodge No. 238, will hold a banquet in the Sons of England Hall on Friday next, when gifts will be exchanged. Dancing will begin at 9 o'clock.

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Victoria Purple Star Lodge, Ladies Grange Benevolent Association, will meet Wednesday at 1.30 p.m. in the Grange Hall, Courtney Street. A "no hostess" party will follow the business meeting.

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Saskatchewan Association will hold its regular monthly dance on New Year's Day at the Arcade Hall, Government and View Streets, commencing at 8 o'clock. Government Street entrance will be open.

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Capital City Temple No. 35, Pythian Sisters, will hold their first meeting of the New Year on Tuesday at 8 o'clock in the K. of P. Hall, Broad Street, when joint installation ceremonies of knights and sisters will take place.

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Canadian Daughters League, Association No. 5, will hold an important business meeting in the Shrine Hall on Thursday. Details of the provincial president's visit will be discussed.

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Carne Rebekah Lodge No. 45 will hold their regular meeting in the I.O.O.F. Hall, Douglas Street on Thursday evening at 7.30, when officers will be installed. A banquet scheduled for 8.30 will precede the meeting.

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Monthly meeting of the B.C. Toy Club will be held at the clubrooms at 675 Fort Street, on Wednesday at 10.30 a.m. Donations of cotton print, from a third to three yards in length, will be welcome. Pink, blue, yellow, green and red plaids, checks, stripes, dots or florals are preferred.

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The Newfoundland Club will meet Friday evening, January 5, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Parrott, 1068 Finlayson Street at 8 p.m., when the guest speaker will be W.O. II. Coles, R.C.N.V.R. who has been stationed in Newfoundland for some time and is in Victoria on furlough. It was necessary to postpone the regular meeting because of the holiday.

Hunting for Pixies

There is a new game which has been developed in one Victoria household; it consists of a closet, a little girl, and a pixie who hides from all human folk. Here's the tale:

The eldest daughter received a lovely little pixie from one of her friends as a Christmas gift. It is a little fellow lying on a loadpixel. The following poem came with the present: "The early Irish really believed that there were 'little people,' 'wee folk' or pixies." The common belief was that if you could coax a pixie into your house, make it happy, and one of the family, it would bring good luck, good health and bless your home. This little pixie was created to carry on that tradition and to bring you good luck and much happiness. Give it a good name, make it happy and one of the family, and it will function. If banished in a dark closet, it will wilt and die." And since then, it is told, the little sister has been hunting in the closet to see if any pixies have been left there by mistake.

SEVEN MILLION AFGHANS

Afghanistan has a population of 7,000,000.

Many Attend New Year Supper Dance

Gay and festive, the Empress Hotel supper dance last night was attended by a record number of guests, among them being: Erwin Weld and a party of 20, R. Huddleston and a party of 20, C. Elsey and a party of 10, Mr. Gadwin and a party of 12, and smaller parties with Mr. H. Seville, Mr. A. McCallum, F/O W. Macrae, Mr. F. Hansom, Mr. W. P. Bowden, Major Paul Larsen, Miss E. Fisher, Col. Wanless, Mr. O. Thompson, Mr. H. Simmons, Lieut. Sheppard, Sqdn. Ldr. L. W. McNeil, Mr. J. I. Mann, Mr. Paul Makins, Capt. E. O. Newton, Mr. Harold Rudd, Mr. N. Graham, Mr. W. H. Hutchin, Capt. Clive Holland, Mr. F. A. Hannagan, Mr. P. Arsen, Mr. O. Alexander, Lieut.-Cmdr. Brown, Mr. H. H. Beck, Mr. R. P. Burns, Mrs. P. C. Bosman, Mr. C. Cerv, Mr. F. H. Clarke, Mr. A. Dale.

WAR CEMETERIES

LONDON (CP) — There are 20 British war cemeteries in Normandy, 30 in the Middle East and North Africa, and 12 in Italy and Sicily, Maj.-Gen. Sir Fabian Ware, vice-president of the Imperial War Graves Commission, announced.

Charming Visitor Here for New Year

—By Staff Photographer

A holiday visitor who is here to attend the annual New Year's frolic at the Empress Hotel is charming Miss Eunice Fletcher, Vancouver. A member of the advertising staff of The Vancouver Sun, Miss Fletcher is one of the many out-of-towns guests attracted to Victoria for the gay holiday functions.

Weddings

CUNNINGHAM-MOORMAN

Rev. E. M. Smiley officiated at the marriage of Margaret Vera, younger daughter of Mrs. L. Moorman, 316 Michigan Street, to Gnr. Maurice J. Cunningham, R.C.A., third son of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Cunningham, 1140 West 8th Avenue, Vancouver, Sunday, December 26, at 8 o'clock, in the Victoria Youth Centre.

Given in marriage by her eldest brother, the bride wore a floor-length gown of white satin with bouffant skirt, and a sweetheart neckline. Her bouquet was of white chrysanthemums and pink carnations. Mrs. E. Lewis, sister of the bride, was matron-of-honor, wearing a floor-length gown of turquoise chiffon with a shirred bodice and full skirt. She carried a bouquet of pink and white chrysanthemums. Petty Officer D. O. Glanville was groomsman. A small reception was held at the home of the bride's mother. For a honeymoon trip to Vancouver the bride donned a mauve and white ensemble topped by a black coat with a red fox collar and black accessories, completing a corsage bouquet of white gardenias.

WEBB—PEAKE

Edna Aline, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peake, 893 Innes Street, was married yesterday noon with Cpl. George Albert Webb, R.C.A.F., son of Mr. George Webb and the late Mrs. Webb, Edson, Alta. Friday, December 29, at 3 o'clock, at St. Mark's Anglican Church, Rev. N. B. Noel officiated. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white satin gown with a lace inset and a sweetheart neckline. The veil fell from a heart-shaped headdress. The bridal bouquet was of red carnations with white heather, and a white gardenia in the centre. Miss Dorothy Peake, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, wearing a paint pink dress with matching veil and halo. Her bouquet was of white chrysanthemums. Her sister, Miss Eileen also attending, wore a paint blue sheer with matching veil and halo, and carried a bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums. A.B. Bert Webb, cousin of the groom, was best man. Ushers were L.A.C. Ferguson and L.A.C. Norman Coates. For a honeymoon trip to Edmonton, the bride donned a gold wool crepe dress with brown accessories, topped with a brown tweed coat. Cpl. and Mrs. G. A. Webb will reside in Victoria.

Women's Institutes

Lake Hill Women's Institute have postponed their January meeting until Thursday, January 4. The meeting will be held in the Institute Hall at 2.30 p.m.

Victoria Women's Institute will show three interesting films at W.I. Rooms, 625 Fort Street, on the Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. and again at 8 p.m. Coming from the English Federated Women's Institutes, these films will be shown for the first time in Canada, they depict various thrift handicrafts practised in olden times, such as quilting and rug-making. Members of neighboring institutes and others interested may attend.

Nazis Move Troops Italian Area Fluid

ROME, Dec. 30 (AP) — The Germans have stepped up movement of troops and material on the western mountainous sector of the Italian front and the situation in this area, where the enemy has proved a counter-attack last week, remains "fluid," the Allied Command announced today.

Nazi Field Marshal Kesselring has not received his attack on the previous large scale in the Serchio River valley 11 miles inland, official reports said, adding that "our troops occupy commanding positions on high ground in this area."

However the exact situation in this region where American 92nd Infantry Division units earlier were shoved from forward positions remained obscure.

BIG NEGRO POPULATION

Ninety-five per cent of Haiti—population of 3,000,000 are pure-blooded Negroes.

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Jap Premier Warns Of Hard Year

Premier Kuniaki Koiso issued a New Year's warning to the Japanese people today that 1945 would bring increased air raids greater "difficulties of livelihood" and heavier war production burdens.

The message, transmitted by Domei Agency and recorded by the Federal Communications Commission, said the "trend of the war" would be decided in the Philippines.

The Premier appealed to the people to "strengthen the air defence structure" to increase war production and "to overcome the national poverty and bring peace to the mind of His Imperial Majesty."

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Basketball Executive Will Meet Thursday

A special meeting of the executive of the Victoria and District Basketball League has been called next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of President Ernie Block, suite 7, Park Mansions.

Managers of the three senior "B" men's teams and members of the Victoria Referees' Board are also asked to attend. It is requested the following officials be present: O. Cole, J. Bryant, J. Phillion, W. Smith, "Porky" Andrews, O. Moore and Bert Davis.

CHELMSFORD, England (CP).—Police are investigating the discovery here of 1,000 bottles of champagne believed to have been smuggled recently from France in an Allied aircraft.

Await Action on Company Seizure

CHICAGO, Dec. 30 (AP).—A New Year's holiday calm settled over Montgomery Ward & Co. today.

The army which seized company properties in seven cities Thursday under Presidential order continued its position of having office facilities installed. The company stood on its refusal to recognize validity of the seizure, apparently unmindful of the issues.

The union involved in the labor dispute awaited army action toward carrying out War Labor Board directives that led to the seizure.

Sewell L. Avery, Ward's chairman of the board who defiantly defied President Roosevelt's order was without constitutional foundation and could not be obeyed, spent several hours in his office, conferring with top company executives.

Army duty officers remained at their posts after the general and top staff members departed. Public relations officers said the army would maintain 24-hour control of the facilities, including the holiday weekend.

Gen. Byron planned to work on the complete affairs of his new job over the week-end from Ninth Service Command headquarters in Chicago. During the holiday it was expected direct telephone lines would be installed between the army headquarters in Ward's main office building and the seized stores and plants in the other six cities, Detroit, St. Paul, Denver, Portland, Ore., San Rafel, Calif., and Jamaica, N.Y.

EXAMPLE WILL TELL

LEEDS, England (CP).—"It is by force of example that Britain can retain her prestige and increase it," Emmanuel Shinwell, M.P., said here with reference to vast postwar agricultural and industrial expansion which will be necessary in Britain's colonies.

LONDON (CP).—A fighting soldier in the First Great War and an Eighth Army padre in this one, Rev. Canon F. L. Hughes, C.B.E., M.C., has been appointed chaplain-general to the forces.

Spies in Paris Area Trapped

PARIS, Dec. 30 (AP).—A considerable number of enemy spies and saboteurs, some in American uniforms, have been trapped within and around Paris by American military authorities and French police, it was disclosed tonight.

The extensive spy hunt began recently when it was learned that Germans were attempting to impersonate American officers and with Allied uniforms and with Allied orders to kill high-ranking officers and sabotage communications. Stringent security measures were taken throughout the Paris area, with military personnel and civilians frequently hailed to identify themselves. Military police were stationed at all city entrances.

Ground Command

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army group boundaries and resources.

This correspondent has noted a growing feeling among the most qualified observers of the present tactical situation that a reversion to the former system of a single ground commander is urgent. The decision of General Bradley or Field Marshal Montgomery has been widely mentioned as ideal because of their tactical brilliance. Any other qualified general would be acceptable so long as he would be unencumbered by the wide spheres of responsibility which accrue to Gen. Eisenhower's position.

Winston Churchill made it exceedingly clear in his memoirs of World War I that the 1917-18 Allies did not begin to wage effective offensive warfare until Marshal Ferdinand Foch was given supreme command of the land battle. This compromise between national pride and necessities of war came only after the Allies had learned bitter and costly lessons.

These lessons were well remembered when in November, 1942, the Allies launched their great offensive in Africa. Its campaign was to begin which did not have a single ground commander for the American, British, French, Empire and Allied forces. General Eisenhower commanded in the early stages of the North African campaign and Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander in the later stages. In Sicily and Italy Alexander retained complete control of the Allied forces in battle until recently, when he handed the command over to Lt.-Gen. Mark W. Clark.

This successful principle was adopted for the Western European offensive. Indeed the Normandy fighting proved to be the most striking demonstration of the value of a single ground commander. This hazardous operation did not develop exactly according to plan nor were its prospects for victory always bright; but Field Marshal Montgomery held firm to his daring battle conception. He had the sensitive feel of his own forces and also the enemy's. He accepted the full responsibility for his imaginative tactics often in the face of expressed misgivings in high quarters and he produced the most glittering victory of the war.

On September 1 last, this principle of a single command in Europe was credited with winning the last war and which brought this war to the brink of victory, was officially discarded. Field Marshal Montgomery's command was confined to the limits of his 21st Army Group, consisting of the British Second and the Canadian First Armies. General Bradley obtained the Twelfth Army Group and General Devers assumed responsibility for the Sixth Army Group. General Eisenhower moved his supreme headquarters to France and each army group commander reported directly to him.

There was nothing frivolous or selfish on the part of General Eisenhower in this matter. Such characteristics have no place in the make-up of this great leader who stands unique in history as a military strategist and a symbol of unfettered Allied unity. The absolute by which Montgomery forfeited his overall command was laid down long before "D" day, with the approval of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill and their combined chiefs of staff.

The issues might have worked out well if the demoralization of the enemy forces, following their Normandy defeat, had been complete. It was a system designed to return to a supreme commander the responsibility for the control and direction of the Allied armies during the comparatively easy advance into Germany preliminary to the occupation by American British, Canadian and French forces of their assigned sectors of the Reich.

The fact is that the demoralization of the enemy was not complete. Field Marshal von Model was rushed from the Eastern Front to stabilize the German armies on the western approaches to the Reich, and by ruthless efficiency he succeeded in achieving this miracle. The enemy accepted his losses in men and material and stiffened along the whole front. General Eisenhower was faced with the task of fighting another full-blown land battle.

Nearly four months have passed since then and this period has been for the Allies the costliest and least productive since "D" Day. After making allowances for pertinent factors such as supply, weather, terrain, and lines of communication, the point of a single ground command of what should be a single battle protruding above all other considerations.

EISENHOWER IN THEORETICAL COMMAND

In theory, General Eisenhower is the ground commander of the battle for Germany. In practice he is not. He is the supreme commander of the European theatre, responsible for air, naval and land forces. He is saddled also with the responsibility for political-military events of a grievous nature. Even if his tactical reputation were as high as those of Generals Bradley and Montgomery, it is doubtful that his wide responsibilities would permit him to apply his talent to the battlefield.

Direction of the modern land battle demands undivided concentration, an intimacy with the attitudes and problems of units up to divisions, and a constant feel of enemy reaction. The story of the Normandy victory is a catalogue of the essentials required for a ground command on a very large scale.

Highly qualified tacticians are said to believe that the failure of the extensive drive at Arnhem was a tragic incident, but only an incident in the most large failure of the Allies to concentrate the bulk of their highly mobile striking force for a drive in the Arnhem area and an outflanking move against the Ruhr.

Since that time no change has been noted in the policy of dispersal of Allied power along the vast front. Three army groups are pursuing their separate campaigns in the last three months we have committed ourselves to a trial of brute strength all along Germany's most formidable defence line. That results have not been happy is admitted by increasing notes of criticism from London and Washington.

This correspondent has noted a strong desire by some elements of the Allied forces for a return to the system of a single command for all Allied ground forces in the West. It is felt that the present system wherein three army groups report independently to a supreme commander (Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, who is responsible also for air and naval forces and has all administrative and political problems is inadequate to the urgent tactical situation. These people consider that the present system of ground direction lacks the elements of intimacy and the proper concentration of thought.

MONTGOMERY'S RETURN THOUGHT UNLIKELY

There is no strong expectation that Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery might be returned to the direction of the western battle, largely because of the heavy preponderance of American manpower in the theatre. Both a move would be politically disturbing in this exceedingly healthy but still imperfect alliance of great powers. Lieut.-Gen. Omar N. Bradley has been widely mentioned as an "excellent choice." He is extremely popular with British military men, and his reputation as an imaginative tactician ranks among the highest.

It is well known on the western front that the greatest military rivals between Generals Bradley and Montgomery and that they are agree on principles and essentials of the modern battle.

The name of Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander has been brought up in the popular discussion on the point, stressing the fact that he would bring a completely fresh mind to bear on the problem of the western front. In the same sphere of discussion Gen. George C. Marshall has been mentioned as a good choice to undertake the ground direction on the final assault on Germany.

General Eisenhower remains the most popular individual by far on the western front, and there is universal recognition that he is doing a unique and magnificent job as supreme commander.

At the same time there is a distinct feeling that on September 3 we discarded a system of command which had brought us great success in the first Great War and in this one, and that the supreme direction of the land battle should be divorced from the supreme direction of the western theatre.

Over 400 Leading American Athletes Killed in Action

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 (AP).—More than 400 standout professional and college-trained athletes of prewar days died in the service of the United States since that country entered the war.

A partial roundup of sports facilities included such familiar names as Sgt. Charlie Paddock, Pvt. Ace Parker, Pvt. Hank Soar, Lieut. Pete Kostelnik, Sgt. Kinnard and Maj. Lou Zamperini.

Paddock, a marine captain died in a plane crash near Attu, Alaska. Hitchcock, a lieutenant-colonel and top-level intelligence officer, was killed when his B-24 crashed up in Salisbury, and Kostelnik, a naval captain after an amazing grid career at the University of Iowa, was lost in the Caribbean Sea when his aircraft failed to return to its carrier.

Zamperini, a lieutenant, generally credited with once climbing a flagpole at Hitler Headquarters to pull down a Nazi flag, was officially listed killed in action in the South Pacific although his family at Torrance, Calif., still has hopes he is a war prisoner.

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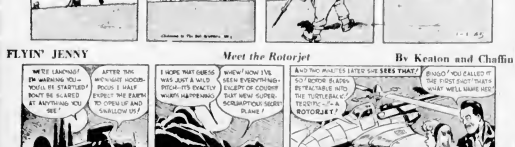

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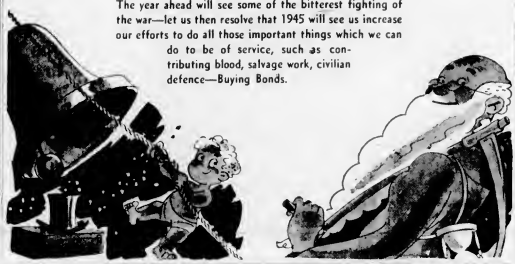

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Capitol

"Hail the Conquering Hero" Is Feature at Dominion

For the second time in succession, Sturges has a movie plot laid in a tiny town of a few hundred citizens. His current film, "Hail the Conquering Hero," now at the Dominion Theatre, starring Eddie Bracken with Ella Raines, all takes place. With the exception of a brief opening sequence, in a little country town.

This Sturges film, he struck "The Miracle of Morgan's Creek" about folks in a hamlet. This followed "The Great McGinty," "The Lady Eve," "The Palm Beach Story," "Christmas in July" and "Sullivan's Travels," all of which were stories in great cities with towering sky-scrapers, pent houses and huge estates.

The change came about when, while on a one-day location at the Paramount Ranch for "Sullivan's Travels," Sturges saw a little Western cow-town which had been built there for more work years before. He envisioned its transformation into a backwoods town and he started his jump to the grass roots by writing "The Miracle of Morgan's Creek" to fit this town.

Sturges himself does not operate a big-city Players' Café and has never lived a day in a small town. He was raised in New York, Paris, Rome and Chicago. "Hail the Conquering Hero" is due to bring even more laughs than "The Miracle of Morgan's Creek," it is said.

Disciples of Izaak Walton on Capitol Screen

Marsha Hunt and Alan Marshal in the fun-filled fishing sequences of "Bride by Mistake," now at the Capitol Theatre, R.K.O. Radio's romantic comedy of high life co-stars Marshal with Laraine Day. The latter depicts an heiress, who, to protect herself from fortune hunters, has Marsha impersonate her. All plans backfire when Alan pays court to Marsha.

Oak Bay, Plaza Will Offer Musical Drama "The Climax"

George Waggner, who came up the hard way to become one of Hollywood's top producer-directors, proved that he did not forget the "forgotten stage" of the past when it came time to cast his Technicolor Universal musical drama, "The Climax," which opens on Monday at the Oak Bay and Plaza Theatres.

The film, which co-stars Susanna Foster, Turhan Bey and Boris Karloff has in some of its scenes old-time favorites Grace Cunard, former serial queen, Maurice Costello, William Desmond, Stuart Holmes, Eddie Polo, Ann Cornwall and Jack Richardson.

Appearing in support of the three stars are Gale Sondergaard, June Vincent, Thomas Gomez, George Dolenz, Jane Farrar and Ludwig Stossel. The film features four operatic numbers, written by George Waggner and Edward Ward, and sung by Susanna, George Dolenz, Jane Farrar and company.

Bright Comedy Is Coming to Atlas

"Arsenic and Old Lace," a comedy which deals with killings, madness and love, and which is confidently intended to slay audiences with laughter, will open Monday at the Atlas Theatre.

Briefly, it deals with Cary Grant's two mad maiden aunts and their frenzy to kill old gentlemen.

For most of the film, aunts and nephew go along neck and neck with insane corpses accounted for apiece. It is only in the stretch that the dotes, the capacity for dispatching of men via a glass of wine literally spiked with arsenic, wind out and they emerge triumphant with the winning thirteenth corpse.

The excellent cast includes three members of the original stage company, Josephine Hull and Jean Adair and John Alexander.

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Atlas— Arsenic and Old Lace," starring Cary Grant.

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Capitol—Bride by Mistake," featuring Alan Marshall and Laraine Day.

Dominion—Eddie Bracken in "Hail the Conquering Hero."

Oak Bay and Plaza—"The Climax," starring Susanna Foster and Turhan Bey.

Rio—Allen Jones and Kitty Carlisle in Music With Larceny."

York—See Here Private Hargrove," featuring Robert Walker and Donna Reed.

Attractive Musical at Atlas Theatre Tonight

For comedy and music, singing and Technicolor "Something for the Boys" is right up with the best screen treatments of musical hits from Broadway. The production is attractive, with ensemble numbers especially well staged by Nick Castle and the cast includes such able comedians as Carmen Miranda, Michael O'Shea and Phil Silvers.

The original score by Cole Porter has been augmented by some new songs by Johnny McHugh and Harold Adamson. Twenteth Century-Fox's "Cherry Blonde," Vivian Blaine shares the vocal spotlight with Perry Como and comedy by Phil Silvers, reaches a climax when he changes his liquid stocking spiel for a Boulitzer ern accent. Something for the Boys will be shown at the Atlas Theatre New Year's Eve, commencing at 12:05 a.m.

Midnight Showing At Rio Theatre

There is a world of entertainment and some top calibre performances in Universal's production of "Larceny With Music," one of the feature pictures that has been chosen to usher in the New Year at the special Sunday midnight show at the Rio Theatre. Based on a well-constructed story, this is a picture that should score a ten strike with all members of any audience.

"Larceny With Music" is tuneful and fast moving, with the popular singing star, Allen Jones, and that well-liked bad man, Lee Carrillo, and pretty Kitty Carlisle in the leading roles. Alvino Rey and his orchestra take care of the music and the King Sisters sing the tuneful melodies.

Midnight Matinee at Dominion Tonight

Beautiful, green-eyed Ella Raines, who started her film career at the top when she was cast in "Corvette K-225," and followed through with outstanding performances in "Cry Havoc," "Hail the Conquering Hero" and "Phantom Lady," now reveals in a Grade A western role in R.K.O. Radio's "Tall in the Saddle" being co-starred with John Wayne. The film will be shown at the Dominion Theatre tonight at the midnight matinee.

She has the part of a fiery-tempered young ranch heiress who gets no quarter in around of her swains her dealings with bad men and western adventurers who peopled the old, turbulent west. Her stormy romance with Wayne highlights the action of this gripping picture.

Plaza Theatre Has Midnight Matinee

Now they're blaming jobs was for the shortage of Derby hats.

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Capitol Theatre Presents Film "Bride by Mistake"

Sparkling comedy and brilliant performances highlight R-K-O Radio's rollicking comedy, "Bride by Mistake" starring Alan Marshal and Lorraine Day, which opens on Monday at the Capitol Theatre.

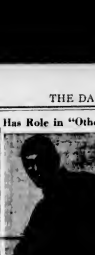
Miss Day, who scored in "Mr. Lucky," plays a very wealthy girl, Norah Hunter, of Hunter Heights, Texas, who, to prevent another fortune hunter and publicity, has her best friend and secretary, Sylvia (Marsha Hunt), impersonate her at all public appearances.

Alan Marshal, recently seen in "The White Cliffs of Dover," has the role of Captain Tony Travis, so sorry for Sylvia on convalescing near the Hunter estate. The latress becomes very interested in Travis but wishes to be certain that he is not fascinated by her wealth.

At a week-end party at the Hunter beach home, Norah sets out to bring Travis and Sylvia (unassuming Nora) together. Under the influence of a mint julep Sylvia, who is taking for a cold, Sylvia completely forgets she's a married woman.

This picture marks the Alan Marshal and Lorraine Day first venture into light comedy and they get every ounce of value from the sparkling dialogue and situations.

Has Role in "Othello"



JOSE FERRER

who plays the role of Iago in The Theatre Guild's production of Margaret Webster's production of "Othello," which comes to the Royal on January 12 for two nights.

"Private Hargrove" Coming On Monday to the York

"See Here, Private Hargrove" created a literary hits when it was published early this year. Since then it has been reprinted in The Readers Digest and hundreds of newspapers. The film version of the hilarious best-seller will open Monday at the York Theatre.

Marion Hargrove, writing of his experiences after being inducted into Uncle Sam's army, painted an unspoiled, without soldier comedy of the war. With Robert Walker playing Private Hargrove, the picture is a bacrthdayer for Day Brat.

Private Hargrove has a sweetheart in the picture, and another of Hollywood's outstanding young players was picked for the role. Donna Reed, climbing swiftly to almost certain stardom, plays Hargrove's girl friend and inspiration.

The hilarious character of Tom Mulvehill, money-minded fellow private with Hargrove, is portrayed by Keenan Wynn, young Broadway actor who has made a name for himself in Chili Willie and another of his comedy characterizations as Sergeant Cramp and Donald Curtis starring in the role of Sergeant Heidon.

"Mission Completed Successfully"

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ON the early morning of December 7 it was necessary to send one man across the Lamone River in Italy to find out if the Germans were holding the opposite bank in force. It was a "suicide" job, Pte. Charlie Chandler, Sydney, N.S., volunteered. Under the converging fire of snipers and machine gunners, he crossed the river, gained valuable information, narrowly escaped German hand grenades, and made his way back to his own lines. Picture shows Pte. Chandler immediately after his successful mission.

"Othello" Is Coming To Royal Jan. 12, 13

During one of Paul Robeson's periodic concert tours in Europe, about 15 years ago, he was greeted in his dressing room by the smiling face of Maurice Browne, one of London's most famous producers. "I enjoyed your concert very much this evening, said Browne. "What are your plans for next season?"

"Another concert tour, I suppose," replied the great Negro baritone. "Why?"

With a certain understandable hesitation, Browne related that he was planning a production of "Othello," with the lovely Peggy Ashcroft as Desdemona. Was he interested in playing the Moor?

Robeson was silent for a long while. Of course he wanted to play the Moor. It was a fine, dignified role in an exciting play. For years he had been battling vainly against the typical Hollywood procedure of portraying the Negro merely as a razor-letting or-do-well, a superstitious buffoon or a quaint, humorous character who lard away his life sleeping in the shade of a tree. This would be a wonderful opportunity not only for himself but for his entire race. And yet, there were misgivings. He was frankly a little frightened of playing Shakespeare in London; in the Bard's home territory, so to speak. He was uncertain about his diction. He was uncertain about his brief experience as an actor.

But the following season found Paul Robeson the portrayal of the Moor a subject of critical praise and public acclaim. It was then that his dream of the present American production of "Othello" was born—a dream that is being fulfilled at the Royal Victoria Theatre on January 12 when the Theatre Guild presents "Othello" for two evenings only, after a record-breaking run in New York.

However, there was another person who shared Mr. Robeson's aspirations. While the play was running in London in 1930, Margaret Webster, then an obscure young actress, sat out front and secretly hoped that some day she might be instrumental in bringing this fine performance to America. Although Miss Webster is the daughter of Dame May Whitty, she was born in the United States during one of her famous mother's tours.

Now of the years of London triumph seeped back to these shores and there were many who wanted the British company brought over intact. But unfortunately there was an American manager who would risk such a "sensational" venture. After all, Mr. Robeson was a Negro and the Desdemona was white. And in spite of the fact that Shakespeare's text repeatedly refers to the Moor as "black," "sooty-boarned" and "begrimed," the presentation of a Negro Othello was considered dangerous. Paul Robeson, who was known primarily as a singer, did not have a great enough box office name to overcome it. And Miss Webster, who shared his dream, wouldn't dare attempt to make it.

After the passage of eight years, however, Mr. Robeson's name had become a household word. He was no longer merely the darling of a small musical clique. He had lived abroad, studied many foreign tongues, sung in every imaginable corner of the earth and assumed a tremendous stature in the eyes of the theatre-going public. Margaret Webster, on her part, has risen to the point where she had directed Maurice Evans, Judith Anderson and Helen Hayes in "Hamlet," "Macbeth" and "Richard II," and had become the foremost living authority on the writings of the Bard.

So about seven years ago they met at lunch and pooled their dreams and their talents. "Othello" was tried out at Cambridge, Mass., with an audience composed of Harvard students and faculty and a smaller but more intelligent people from Boston. The result is well known. Within a week hitherto timid managers were pounding on the doors and through the machinations of John Hagerty, associate producer for the Theatre Guild, "Othello" finally reached Broadway, nearly 18 years after the London premiere. It amassed a greater number of performances than any other Shakespearean production in the history of the American or British theatre.

Jose Ferrer is cast as the villainous Iago and Mr. Ferrer's lovely wife, Uta Hagen, plays the ill-starred Desdemona. Others in the cast include Edith King as Emilia, Ralph Clanton as Cassio, Don Keefer as Roderigo and a company of 35 players.

Capitol Will Show "Hollywood Canteen"

"Hollywood Canteen," Warner Bros. newest production, which will be shown at the Capitol Theatre tonight at the midnight matinee has no less than 62 marquee names in its cast.

None of the roster include Jack Benny, Joe E. Brown, Eddie Cantor, Mary Carlisle, Joan Crawford, Bette Davis, John Garfield, Alan Hale, Paul Henreid, Jean Leslie, Eric Loplin, Dennis Morgan, Barbara Stanwyck, Roy Rogers, Jane Wyman, Joseph Szigeti, Jimmy Dorsey and his Band, Golden Gate Quartette, Dane Clark, Carmen Cavallero and his Orchestra, Helmut Dantine, Faye Emerson, Joyce Reynolds and many others.

"Broadway Rhythm" To Play Monday at Cadet

Gaiety and tenderness, merry tunes and sentimental ones, dances, sparkling specialty acts, plus an inspired use of Technicolor, plus a good story—that's Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's latest Technicolor hit, "Broadway Rhythm."

The film, which starts its engagement at the Cadet Theatre Monday, stars a new romantic team, "Broadway Rhythm" has a brilliant cast headed by George Murphy, an oft-proved screen favorite, and Ginny Simms, lovely lady of the air waves, who makes her debut under the M-G-M banner in the exciting role of a Hollywood movie star.

Add to that sure-fire pair of entertainers, Tommy Dorsey and his orch, Charles Winninger, Lena Horne, Hazel Scott, Eddie "Rochester" Anderson, Gloria De Haven, Nancy Brown, Ben Blue and Nancy Walker.

Health Plan Urged

KITALE, Northwest Kenya (CP)—A scheme to provide social and medical benefits for native farm workers has been proposed by the Trans-Nzoia district council.

One of the important suggestions is that five or six social centres for Africans should be built in the district, so placed that no European farm where workers are employed should be more than eight miles away. Each centre would have a social hall, restaurant, two-room dispensaries shop or canteen, butchery, native markets and sports ground.

A hospital is planned here to provide treatment for all races.

Pork is a satisfactory meat to cure because it contains a large proportion of fat which helps prevent the meat from hardening during the curing process.

London Paper Rebukes U.S.

LONDON, Dec. 30 (CP-Reuters).—The London Economist this week devoted its leading article to "some very plain speaking long overdue" on the subject of the United States.

Denouncing the Americans of "hypocrisy" in their attitude to collaboration in Europe and of scantily founded "criticism and abuse" of Britain, The Economist protested against the United States's "painful attempts to adjust her policies to Britain's wishes."

"It is even a subject of complaint in the United States that Mr. Roosevelt has not yielded to British-held front for his breakfast, his sugar ration decreased, listing a series of accusations it says were made in an anti-British "outburst" in recent weeks—"one of the most violent and sustained of the war years."

"Hypocrisy is a common Anglo-Saxon failing," the weekly paper said, "and the British have many times made much-needed cordial distilled by it, but that does not exempt them from feeling resentment when they are the victim of other peoples' hypocrisy. What makes the American criticism so intolerable is not merely that they are unjust, but that they come in a quarter that has done so little to earn the right to postures of superiority."

INSTEPTERABLE CRITICISM

"To be told by anyone that the British people are slacking in their efforts would be insufferable enough to a people struggling through their sixth Winter of blackout and blockade and bombs—but when the criticism comes from a nation that was practically cash and carry during the Battle of Britain, whose communiques, free from criticism for war years, which is still without a National Service Act—then it is not to be borne.

"The latest turn the criticism has taken is that British policy in Greece and Italian has killed the Atlantic Charter, from a country where both political parties were ready to compromise in the hope of securing the electoral vote of New York State, that they would force a wholly Jewish state on the Arab majority in Palestine."

Neither in Greece nor Poland, the article declares, neither in India nor in Palestine, has the American pronouncements combined with any willingness to get down to brass dust of the arena and attempt to work out a policy both right and feasible.

"With every outburst of righteous indignation in America, the ordinary Englishman gets one degree more cynical about Allied unity and about all active collaboration, and one degree more ready to behave as if he was a lone wolf holding hand is in Soviet Russia," The Economist said.

Local Hospitals On Approved List

Included in a list of 13 British Columbia hospitals approved by the American College of Surgeons in their 1944 survey were the Royal Jubilee and St. Joseph's Hospitals. Both institutions were also approved for training interns by the department of hospital service of the Canadian Medical Association.

Other British Columbia hospitals on the approved list were Royal Inland Hospital, Kamloops; Provincial Mental Home, Essondale; Kitsawa General Hospital, Kitsawna; Kootenay Lake General Hospital, Nelson; Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster; North Vancouver General Hospital; North Vancouver Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Tranquille; St. Paul's Hospital, Saivation Army Grace Maternity Hospital, Shaughnessy Hospital, Vancouver General Hospital, all of Vancouver.

Little Stories for Bedtime

BY THORNTON W. BURGESS

FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS

Back in his hiding place in the thicket of hemlock trees in the Green Forest, with Peter Rabbit to keep him company, Lightfoot the Deer began to have a little hope despite the dreadful aching of his wounds. He had found that he could move his ears a little, not to do so, but he could do it. Then that long, cool drink at the Laughing Brook had seemed to put life into him. He began to feel that perhaps if he were careful Old Mother Nature might in time heal his wounds and he would live to be a terrible gun. The one thing that worried him was the great fear, was that a hunter might come that way and find him helpless. He was ashamed of this terror to his eyes.

But for that night at least he felt reasonably safe, for he knew that it was as Peter said Hunters with terrible guns wanted the light of day for their pitiless work. When the first Jolly Little Bobolinks came dancing through the Green Forest the great fear took possession of him again. He lay with his head pointing the direction from which the Merry little Bobolinks came, thinking them with his delicate nose for danger, and his ears turned toward it. His big ears were set to pick up every sound, and in the great, soft, beautiful eyes, was that fearful, hunted, anxious look.

By and by Sammy, the fawn lang of a distant gun was brought to him by the Merry little Bobolinks. Lightfoot trembled all over and the look of terror grew in his eyes. He felt that he must get up and run and he knew that he couldn't. So he lay still and trembled. Presently the time he heard those distant bangs, and he began to be shook with fear. You see, he knew just what those bangs meant. They meant that somebody had shot somebody, or if not killed, was perhaps suffering as he was suffered from pain and fright.

So the morning slowly passed, and Lightfoot had suffered terribly. The first was Sammy Jay. Sammy jay was very fond of being into all sorts of places, and he just happened to stop in that little thicket. Of course he was curious right away that something was wrong with Lightfoot, and he soon had the whole story.

"It's sad business, sad business," said Sammy soberly. "I certainly am sorry for you, Lightfoot. But you are lucky to be no worse off than you are. I've seen some dreadful things happen from those terrible guns. But you are safe here, quite safe. No hunter come here. Just you keep quiet and attend to getting well. I'll warn you if any danger comes near."

Lightfoot thanked Sammy. He knew that Sammy would do just as he had promised. More than once had Sammy given him timely warning. Hardly had Sammy left when Mrs. Grouse swie into the thicket.

"Oh, excuse me, Lightfoot," said she politely. "I didn't know anyone was here. I've often hidden in here, and I thought I would spend the rest of the morning here. It's one of the safest places I know of."

Then she saw that Lightfoot was hurt. She looked at him very hard for a minute, her bright little eyes taking him all in. "Did a hunter with a terrible gun hurt you?" she demanded.

Lightfoot nodded miserably, and Peter Rabbit told Mrs. Grouse all about it.

"It's shameful," declared Mrs. Grouse. "I guess that you know that I know all about it. Until Peter Rabbit's story stopped hunters from coming near here I never knew a moment in Autumn when I felt safe except in the night. And more than once I've been hurt in those terrible guns. It's a mercy that I'm alive now to tell about it. But don't worry, Lightfoot. You are safe here. No hunters will come here. Farmer Brown's boy will not let them."

So Lightfoot's friendly neighbors tried to ease his mind, and at last he went to sleep, for he was quite worn out.

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It is Frank Kilery, lame but fearless pilot of the Tecumseh, who with whom "Ride With Me" is chiefly concerned, and with Gabrielle Gale a gay French refugee, with whom he falls in love.
Having launched a campaign in his paper to arouse England to her danger of invasion by the French, he serves a prison term for his "crime" of running counter to the Government, and then promptly goes off to Portugal as the first War correspondent. He returns to find that Gabrielle is engaged to his brother, and later, finding that she is an ardent Bonapartist, helps her to escape to France, where she marries.
Years pass before Kilery meets her again, deserted, on the retreat from Moscow, and during that time there has transpired the story of a great period in history, and a host of characters have passed in review, notably the famous Sir Robert (Rolling Bobby) Wilson, who did all the remarkable things which are credited to him.
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MARINE and TRANSPORTATION

Fishpacker Found Abandoned on Beach

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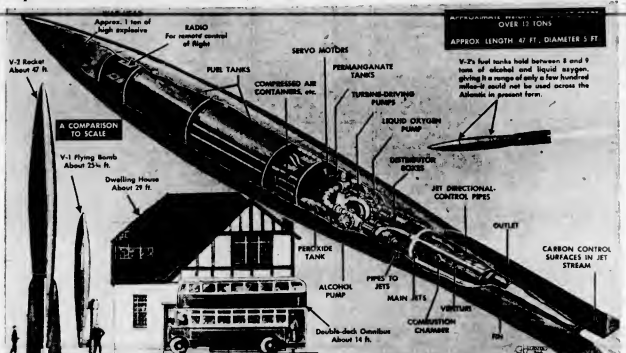
A marine report received here today said the packer, operating out of Vancouver for Queen Charlotte Fisheries Ltd. was found abandoned Friday night.

Aboard when she left here were Capt. Henri Strandvik, Bill McKay, engineer; Colin Low, deckhand, and Jack MacLeod, all of Vancouver.

Absence of the lifeboat led to hope the men may have abandoned the packer during the storm Wednesday night and landed safely somewhere along thickly tribed shoreline in the vicinity.

The Christina Maria today was towed to Lund.

Complex Mechanism of Germany's New Sky Terror Revealed



Heretofore Unrevealed Factual Details of the German V-2 Bomb, Some of Which Have Been Only Conjectured Previously, Are Shown in This Remarkable Drawing by the Noted English Scientific Artist, G. H. Davis, Based on Official Data. The Cross-Section Makes It Easier to Understand Why Germany Will Have Difficulty in Constructing the Complicated V-2 in the Large Numbers Necessary for Prolonged Attacks.

Torpedoed Freighter Towed To Quebec Resumes Journey

QUEBEC, Dec 30 (CP)—The Port Thompson, 10,000-ton Vancouver-built ship, part of whose crew believed she had been sunk after she was torpedoed in the St. Lawrence River November 3, was towed here for repairs and since has resumed her journey. It was permitted to be curtained on the ship. It was not known whether they resulted from enemy action or from boiler trouble, but shipping officials since have determined definitely that the vessel was damaged in the first known torpedo attack in the river since 1942.

The vessel suffered torpedo damage on the starboard side near the bow, but 45 officers and crew men who remained aboard were able to keep her afloat until she could be towed upriver to Quebec.

No one was injured in the twin explosions which rocked the freighter. Seventeen members of the crew put off in one lifeboat and landed at Malane, Que., with word that their vessel had been sunk. They did not know what had happened to the other 45 persons aboard the ship.

The group of 17 said their ship had gone down as they pulled away from her, their belief evidently springing from the fact that the freighter in the minutes just after the second explosion was heard.

Their story, with its assumption that the ship was sunk, was passed for publication in press censors.

A few hours later it was learned that the freighter was in tow on her way to Quebec. Stories correcting the first report that she had sunk were killed by the press censors.

Request for deletion of the later stories came from the navy on security grounds. Permission to publish the fact that the "sunken" ship was in reality still afloat came today.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Mariners are advised that Roberts Spit Light, Drew Harbor, is reported not burning. This will be attended to as soon as possible.

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"LADIES FROM HELL"

LONDON (CP)—The 51st Scottish Infantry Division, the "Ladies from Hell of the First Great War," have been fighting in Europe since early in the invasion, it was disclosed here. Their last reported action was the capture of Tilburg October 19.

SILVER CROSS AWARD

MANCHESTER, England (CP)—Twelve-year-old Girl Guide Rosemary Miller has been awarded the silver cross, second highest Guide award for gallantry, for rescuing from the River River a woman, a boy and a girl, one after the other.

A NOTABLE RECORD

JOHANNESBURG (CP)—An album illustrating the history of the Polish Army in the ten centuries of its existence has been presented by the Polish community in South Africa to Mrs Dan Pienaar, in memory of her husband, the late Gen Dan Pienaar.

Bus lines have taken to issuing paper tickets in place of change and, in some cities, the tickets practically have become legal tender in making small-change sales. On occasions, the bus lines let the customer ride free if the size of his bill is too big to change.

Club Calendar

WEDNESDAY — Canadian Club luncheon, Empress Hotel ballroom, 12.15 p.m.

THURSDAY—Lions Club luncheon, Spencer's dining-room, 12.15 p.m.; Rotary Club luncheon, Empress Hotel ballroom, 12.10 p.m.

FRIDAY—Kiwanis Club dinner and dance, Empress Hotel ballroom, 6.45 p.m.; Real Estate Board luncheon, Spencer's dining-room, 12.30 p.m.

Peter Blueberry (left) Canadian Broadcasting Corporation war correspondent to go overseas, will address the Canadian Club on "The Capture of Rome."

The Lions Club luncheon will be addressed by Rev. Dr. A. E. Whitehouse, who will deliver a New Year's message.

Major-elect P. E. George and F. C. Pendray, a former mayor, will both give 10-minute talks at the Rotary Club luncheon, when guests will also include city aldermen. Mr. Pendray will speak on "The Past," and Mr. George will talk on "The Future."

Kiwanians will not hold their regular Tuesday luncheon, but will instead hold a dinner Friday night. The occasion is the annual installation banquet and dance.

The Real Estate Board will hold its regular luncheon.

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B.C. ELECTRIC

In Greek churches the Bible is read in the original Greek text.

B.C. Log Cut Up

VANCOUVER, Dec 30 (CP)—British Columbia's log cut for 11 months this year shows an increase of more than 150 million board feet over 1943, according to figures released today by the forest branch.

November log scale, however, was more than a million feet less than the year before.

Total cut to end of November in British Columbia was 2,677,000,000 feet against 2,524,000,000 feet in 1943.

A large increase in Interior British Columbia output was partly responsible for the improved showing for 1944 against 1943.

Racketeers Gobble Up Small Change

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec 31 (AP)—A widespread shortage of small change—reported to have been gobbled up by racketeers who have been selling it for its metal content—to industries short of brass and nickel—has tied up petty commerce in Brazil so much that it many stores small-change sales are almost at a standstill.

Mint officials say they're working overtime to turn out all the coins they can with available metal. But as soon as coins appear, they disappear.

Vancouver Forecast

Cloudy with intermittent light rain, clearing to snow at night. Light to moderate winds.

A Healthy Citizen Is A Good Citizen

By Dr J. B. WARREN

A good citizen is one who observes the laws of the community, works willingly to support himself and family and does his share in helping those less fortunate than himself.

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SECOND NEWS SECTION

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SPORTS SLANTS

By SID THOMAS

WE REVIEW A CLOSING YEAR

"Tillie Marche, eh? Today marks the' year of 1944 another year of war and a year which in spite of certain wartime restrictions, has seen sports in Victoria make some progress.

Shortage of athletic equipment has been keenly felt by officials, team managers and players alike, but like good sportsmen they have realized that griping on with the war was the most important task, and have made the best of what has been available.

Here in review are a few of the highlights of 1944 as we recall them:

Victoria retained the coveted McKenzie Cup, symbolic of intersquad supremacy, for the eighth consecutive season.

Pat Bay Greenhins won the Western Canada basketball championship, but were unable to travel East in quest of the Canadian title.

Coach Archie McKinnon's YMCA, trackmen and netsters more than held their own in provincial and intercity competition.

Victoria hockey enthusiasts and skifiers suffered a rude jolt when the Mellow Arena was destroyed by fire in April.

Table tennis and badminton enthusiasts really hard hit for equipment, managed to carry on successfully.

With minor tournaments war curtailed, golf was chiefly confine to intersquad matches in which interest in the sport was sustained.

Victoria's 1944-45 soccer season is being favored with improved attendances. Return of the Wests has done much to stimulate interest in the game.

Football enjoyed a fairly good season, with the RCAF men a team from Patricia Bay winning the provincial championship.

Baseball made the biggest gains of any sport in paid attendance and played to more than 61,000 patrons during the year. VMD won the league championship, but failed to survive the play-offs. The finals between the Army and Navy proved a fitting finale to a great season, the sailors finally winning the city championship after a torrid eight-game series. The final game attracted 4,500 fans.

Team bowling enthusiasts continued to grow in number, with the Greater Victoria team bowling tournament holding an all-time record for entries.

The bangtails did their usual two weeks of antiphlogistic at the popular Willows racing strip, with attendances also soaring showing a large increase.

Canadian football made big strides toward increased popularity and the post-season American football games were filled to capacity a good season.

Cricketers kept their game alive with a number of good exhibition matches, particularly the fixtures at the popular Beacon Hill pitch.

All in all, Victoria sports enjoyed a good season. And to the players, officials and fans, all of whom contributed in a worthwhile effort to extend our most sincere wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

PORTLAND BUYS TIMING

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 30.—Purchase of Pfeifer Jark Timing from Buffalo of the International League, was announced tonight by General Manager Bill Kleiger of the Portland Baseball Club. The Pacific Coast League club will count on him as a relief hurler.

The average American woman spends $2.37 a month on cosmetics.

TOAST AND TEA

By J. V. MCAREE

THERE used to be a superstition which, for all we know, may continue to fascinate some people. Had it the moment of death the retina of the eye continues to hold permanently the last image that was imposed upon it. Indeed, we have read stories in which the military played a considerable part. Two men named Brown and Kittinger certainly believed in it. In 1927 they were clapped in a bomb, Kittinger went up a goodly distance, Brown underneath. Kittinger was saved by an open chute, making quite an exceedingly useful parachute. Brown had been committed in the neighborhood. In all probability he would have been shifted with whatever apparatus they have to use and the child took some about their business. Instead, a guilty conscience let Brown off another life. They as far as we know, did not avoid a repetition with Clive Fleming each eye in the hope that this would be prevented the jungle of the murderers bending over their victim.

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Liverpool Goes on Scoring Rampage

Scores 12-1 Victory Over Southport in Cup-Tie Soccer Fixture—Other Results

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Liverpool went hog-wild in a cup-tie match against Southport today, scoring 12-1, a victory providing the most one-sided score of the year in Cup Country football.

It was a field day for Don Welsh, English international, at Liverpool's team in Charlton, but who has been playing for Liverpool this season, he scored twelve six goals, three each half.

Firing on the goal was so heavy that Birkett, the young Everton goalkeeper playing for Southport, collapsed from exhaustion and had to be carried off. He recovered after medical treatment. During the first half Liverpool stopped a shot, rapping in six goals in 11 minutes.

While cup play continued in the North Tottenham Hotspurs managed to maintain a three-point lead in the League South over the former leaders, Chelsea, though only managing to hold Portsmouth to a goalless tie. Chelsea has played this game in hand, also played a game with Crystal Palace, 3-3.

Chelsea now has a one-point margin to round pace over Brentford, which scored 4-0 under Fulham colors. West Ham United is in third place.

In the Scottish Southern League Rangers maintained their top position by a 4-1 victory over the Aircrafts, but the second-place Hibernians slipped from eight points behind 2-0 to Falkirk. Clyde's loss gave Hibernians and Motherwell a lead of two points and third place, respectively. The former Hibernian player, Park with the Albion scored an easy 7-2 victory over Dundee, Dundee United's goal came from the bullseye foot 2-1 in Celtic. Aberdeen scored a 3-0 win over Dundee in the Scottish Northeastern Supplementary Cup final at Dundee.

IRISH LEAGUE

Glentoran 1, Belfast Celtic 2
Linfield 3, Belfast Celtic 2
Larne 1, Distillery 1

SCOTTISH NORTHEASTERN LEAGUE (SUPPLEMENTARY CUP FINAL)

Dundee 0, Aberdeen 3

SCOTTISH NORTHERN

Aircraftsmen 1, Rangers 4
Falkirk 2, Hibernians 2
Clyde 1, Motherwell 1
Hibernians 2, Queen Park 0
Morton 2, Albion Rovers 2
Partick Thistle 3, Dundee 2
Dundee United 1, Celtic 1
Queen Ham 1, Hibs 1

GLASGOW AND DISTRICT RESERVE

Hibernians 4, Kilmarnock 1
Motherwell 4, Rangers 1
Queen Park 1, Aberdeenians 1

LEAGUE SOUTH

Arsenal 1, Brentford 1
Aldershot 2, Reading 2
Chelsea 3, Crystal Palace 3
Clapton Orient 1, Millwall 1
Fulham 0, Portsmouth 0
Guildford 2, Brighton 2
Luton 1, Watford 1
Northampton 1, Bournemouth 1
Reading 1, Aldershot 1
Southampton 1, Queens Park Rangers 1

OTHER MATCHES

Bradford 2, Bradford 2
Bradford Park Avenue 1, Leeds United 1
Bury 2, Rochdale 2
Chesterfield 3, Mansfield 1
Doncaster 1, Barnsley 1
Grimsby 1, Sheffield United 1
Halifax 1, Huddersfield 1
Hull 1, Sheffield Wednesday 1
Lincoln 1, Nottingham Forest 1
Rotherham 1, Wolverhampton Wanderers 1
Stockport 1, Manchester United 1
Swansea 1, Cardiff City 1
Tranmere 1, Chester 1
Wrexham 1, Bolton 1
Wolverhampton Wanderers 1, Aston Villa 1
Bournemouth 1, Southampton 1
Brentford 1, Arsenal 1
Brighton 2, Aldershot 2
Cardiff City 1, Swansea 1
Chelsea 0, Portsmouth 0
Crystal Palace 3, Chelsea 3
Fulham 1, Clapton Orient 1
Millwall 1, Queens Park Rangers 1
Reading 1, Watford 1
Southampton 1, Bournemouth 1
Luton 1, Guildford 1

Speed Records Established at Tropical Park

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 30 (AP).—The opening of the Hialeah at Tropical Park these days will be echoing long after the racing bug is ended.

On the first four programs of a thirty-racing meeting, the brilliant jockey riding at America's top jockeys produced a new world speed record, a United States record, a 108-1 shot victory and a plethora of photo finishes.

Anxious to cash in on some prize money to tide them over when the shutters take effect next Wednesday, firemen are treating every race as a stake race and going all out to win.

Racing in the United States is at a peak of popularity unknown so far as Tropical Park is concerned, according to Hialeah publicity director of racing.

Such jockeys as Eddie Arcaro, Ted Atkinson, of Toronto, Jack Mehrtens, Sterling Young and other first flighters are taking advantage of the week's needlework in their efforts to beat the full fields of 12 horses which are running in every race.

Herb Claggett booked Nance's Ace over Bye and Bye and Sunny Jim in 1 minute 53 1-5 seconds Wednesday night, a new record for a 1 mile and 30-year-old world record. Atkinson established the record mark with Spangled Clame Thursday, doing the mile and 70 yards in 1 minute 40 2-5 seconds.

Young scored with Doc Dolmugh Tuesday for a $218.20 return.

Although fields are limited to 12 starters, and only six extra horses are lined for each race as eligibles in the event of scratches 407 names were dropped into the entry box last today's program, only 108 of these actually ran.

Toppers Rally To Beat Leafs

Toppers defeated Maple Leafs 4-3 and Rovers and Wests and Blue Line battled to a 1-1 draw in senior Victoria Intermediate soccer games played at Royal Athletic Park.

All square at 2-2 at the end of regular Toppers were forced to continue behind to fight off a one-goal lead set up by the Maple Leafs in the early stages of the final half.

Wright and Baldwin, each with two markers, accounted for the Toppers goals while Bellam, Constable and Charlson scored for the Maple Leafs.

Black and Whitter set up a 1-0 lead in the early minutes of the first half and a goal by Wells but the advantage was nullified on a penalty goal by Robb. There was no further scoring.

Oak Bay and Maple Leafs will meet Thursday afternoon at Royal Athletic Park at 4 o'clock in an exhibition match.

LONDON (CP).—Air Commodore Frank Whittle has been elected an honorary member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers for his pioneer work on jet propulsion. Honorary membership is rarely granted.

Broadcast Bowl Games to Europe

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP).—Play-by-play accounts of the leading New Year's Day football bowl games will be sent to soldiers overseas and navy men afloat through the short-wave facilities of the armed forces radio service.

The War Department announced today that games to be covered will include the Rose Bowl tilt at Pasadena, Cal., the Orange Bowl at Miami, and the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans.

Former Notre Dame Footballer Passes

CORVALLIS, Dec. 30 (AP).—Several months illness ended in death last night for Sam Dolan, 39, former Notre Dame football star and Pacific Coast gridiron official for 20 years.

Dolan, born in England, was an outstanding gridiron at Notre Dame, where he received his civil engineering degree. A 1907 Oregon State graduate, he returned to OSC in 1910 as assistant football coach and later became head coach in 1911 and 1912 and has been on the staff ever since.

He is survived by his widow, children Mary, Dolan Johnston, Sam Jr. and Patrick survive.

Turns in Second Shutout Performance

FRANK McCOOL

BRILLIANT goaling goalie of the third-place Toronto Maple Leafs, who turned in his second shutout of the current National Hockey League season when his goal net was shut up in Montreal Canadiens. The score of that game was 2-0. McCool gave the Habs one shot on his mound.

Will Play New Year's Day at Nanaimo

LARRY GRIFFIN

GORDON POSEY

GRAHAM DONALDSON

Trio of promising hockey players and officials of the Victoria Hockey Club, who will see action in the New Year's Day hockey match against Nanaimo at the Up-Island arena. Locals are taking the players for the future, and Ivan Temple, in charge of the Victoria team, is confident the boys will make a good showing against the pick of Nanaimo's juvenile hockey talent. Game time is 3 o'clock.

350,000 Fans to Witness Bowl Football Fixtures

90,000 Will Attend Game Between U.S.C. And Tennessee—Alabama to Meet Duke

By JOE REICHLER

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—In keeping with the trend throughout the regular season, capacity crowds totaling more than 350,000 gridiron addicts are expected to witness football over all the bowls campaign, with an E.R.O. crowd of 90,000 attending the Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Cal.

Besides California's annual grid classic, there are eight other post-season classics, including the Sugar, Orange, Cotton, Shrine, Sun, Rose, Shell and Vulcan Bowls on New Years Day in addition to the Lily Bowl at Bermuda, January 7.

Highly regarded Southern California rules a two-touchdown favorite over Tennessee in the Rose Bowl, but the weatherman's hint of rain is encouraging to the Vols who are planning their hopes on a backfield quarterly, every member of which has averaged better than five yards per carry. Coach Jeff Cravath, of the Trojans, is banking heavily on Captain Jim Hardy's passing.

Some 70,000 people will watch Alabama tangle with Duke at New Orleans in the Sugar Bowl, while the Tulsa-Georgia Tech Orange Bowl clash is expected to draw 35,000. In direct contrast, Coach Frank Thomas, of the undoubtedly Crimson Tide, noted with confidence, while Eddy Cameron, Duke mentor, boasted "We'll be lucky to win. We had only four days of practice in two weeks."

The Tech-Tulsa tussle in Miami should provide plenty of touchdowns as both elevens are scoring-minded, throwing caution and pigskin to the winds. This is in the nature of a return game as last year the Yellow Jackets whipped Tulsa 20-18, in the Sugar Bowl.

About 60,000 are expected to watch the East All-Stars, led by All-American Les Horvath, of Ohio State, mix with the West aces in the Shrine game, 20th New Year's International game. The East rules a 2-1 favorite, despite Horvath's injured ankle which may limit his play.

COTTON BOWL GAME BILLED AT DALLAS

The once defeated Oklahoma A. & M. team meets Texas Christian in the Cotton Bowl before 35,000 at Dallas while the unsquelched Bowl in Italy between the Fifth Army and the 12th Air Force is expected to draw between 30,000 and 35,000 G.I. fans. The Aggies, outweighing the Frogs by 12 pounds to the man are the unanimous favorites.

The Sun Bowl tilt at El Paso, Tex. between the University of Mexico and Southwestern Louisiana attracted 18,000, and Birmingham, Ala. where the Vulcan Bowl Tulsa-vs. Tennessee Blade, will be staged, expects 30,000.

Hamilton, Bermuda, will be the site of the Lily Bowl on Sunday January 7, where an all-star team of the Army will face the Navy. The Oil Bowl, usually played at Houston, Tex. was canceled several weeks ago because of the inability of the unbeaten, untied Randolph Field team to play. Nothing has been heard from an Arab Bowl at Oran, a Polo Bowl at Belfast and a Tea Bowl at London. All three were played a year ago.

New Yacht Club Is Planned in Seattle

SEATTLE, Dec. 30 (AP).—A new Northwest yacht club, this one exclusively for sailors who sail under sail, is being planned here, it was disclosed today with the announcement the next planning meeting will be held at the Lesley Park Clubhouse January 12.

The club, to be known as the Corinthian Yacht Club, issued an open invitation to all Northwest yachtsmen interested in promoting the racing and cruising of sailing craft.

Welsh, Milliken and Taylor Leading Basketball Scorers

Top scoring honors in the Victoria Senior Men's Basketball Loop according to statistics made public yesterday by league officials, goes to Eagle-Eye Welsh, soldier cager, playing with the RCEME team in the senior division. Eagle-Eye Welsh has racked up 79 points in six games.

Anna Milliken, elusive forward of the White Lines, of the senior women's division is setting the pace in that loop with 77 points, two less than the outstanding sharpshooter while in the men's senior B division A. Taylor Victoria Rooftop has maintained his quintette, is showing the way with 84 points.

In the player winning the high scoring laurels in the open division will go the Cup Fitchett Trophy, a replica of a basketball player on a bronze base.

The Bill Bolleter Cup will go to the player overcoming the most free throws. Warly, soldier player, and Wharf VMD share top spot here, each with 10 points. A. Wallace, R. Anderson and A. Wai on share a three way tie for second place with 8 converted throws.

In the women's free throw competition the leader will receive a trophy donated by the Victoria and District Basketball League. A tally sheet with 13 points is said to find J. McDonald, of the Comets is ahead of the pack, with Dorothy LeLacheur of the Rookies third with 12 points.

A. Walton, Victoria Rooftop, setting the pace in the senior "B" men's scoring with 64 points, is more than Duncan of Tomlin Tigers, who is tied for the honors.

D. Taylor Victoria Rooftop and B. Griffin Eagles, are showing the way in the league lists for the Fitzpatrick Cup to be presented to the player with the lowest number of personal fouls.

J. C. Clubb with 18 personal fouls is the league's bad man, while J. McDonald top the women's ratings with 21 foul calls.

Leading statistics follow:

OPEN SCORING

Welsh, R.C.E.M.E., 79; A. Milliken, Rookies, 64; R. Anderson, K.V.'s, 59; M. LeLacheur, Rookies, 54; A. Wallace, Victoria Rooftop, 51; R. Kastner, K.V.'s, 46; O. Browning, Eagles, 46; E. Butler, Eagles, 44; D. Dimmick, Tommy Turkers, 42; R. Long, K.V.'s, 41; Primmer, Navy, 41.

WOMEN'S SCORING

A. Milliken, Rookies, 77; M. LeLacheur, Rookies, 60; J. Wright, Comets, 41; L. Kastner, Rookies, 36; M. Pedro, Hudson Bay, 34; F. Harry, Eagles, 32; B. Hartwell, Rookies, 30; M. Wallace, Comets, 28; E. Rowan, Victoria Rooftop, 26; Sports Club, 21; Kalleinbach, Eagles, 20; R. Mirtle, Hudson Bay, 19.

OPEN FREE THROW

Welsh, R.C.E.M.E., 18; Wright, VMD, 18; A. Moskaw, Rookies, 18; R. Anderson, K.V.'s, 14; A. Wallace, Victoria Rooftop, 14; Duncan, Tommy Turkers, 12; Taylor, Victoria Rooftop, 13; J. M. Donald, Comets, 12; A. Bowman, Rookies, 12; B. Kalleinbach, Comets.

WOMEN'S FREE THROW

A. Milliken, Rookies, 8; M. Donald, Comets, 8; M. LeLacheur, Rookies, 8; J. Wright, Comets, 8; E. Butler, Eagles, 8; D. White, Comets, 8; P. Farrell, Eagles, 8; N. Brighton, Eagles, Bar E, V. Rooftop; Hudson Bay, 8; J. Wallace, Eagles, 8; E. Mitchell, Comets, 8; P. Hull, Comets, 8.

PERSONAL FOULS

D. Taylor Victoria Rooftop, 8; B. Griffin, Eagles, 8; J. Hoag, Comets, 8; A. Hunt, Eagles, 8; J. Valentine, Eagles, 8; J. Clubb, Milton Hudson Bay, 3; P. Hilliard, K.V.'s, 3; J. Wallace, Eagles, 3; Best, Tommy Turkers, 3; H. Hall, Rookies, 3; J. Hoag, Comets, 3.

WOMEN'S PERSONAL FOULS

J. McDonald, Comets, 21; M. LeLacheur, Rookies, 18; J. Wright, Comets, 18; B. Eagles, Eagles, 18; D. White, Comets, 18; P. Farrell, Eagles, 18; N. Brighton, Eagles, Bar E, V. Rooftop; Hudson Bay, 18; M. Hughes, Bar E, V. Rooftop; Comets, 8; P. Hull, Comets, 8.

Leafs, Canadiens Win N.H.L. Games

Toronto Blanks Chicago Black Hawks, 4-0—Montreal Whips New York Rangers, 4-1

LEAGUE STANDING

				Goals	
	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
Canadiens	16	4	7	87	46
Detroit	13	6	3	82	52
Toronto	12	8	2	66	59
Boston	9	11	1	67	76
Rangers	3	13	5	63	104
Chicago	3	16	3	58	94

Last Night's Games:
Canadiens, 4 Rangers, 1.
Toronto 4, Chicago 0.

Week-end games:
Tonight: Boston at Rangers, Chicago at Detroit.
Monday: Detroit at Chicago.

TORONTO, Dec. 29 (CP).—The third-place Toronto Maple Leafs moved into second place Chicago Black Hawks 4-0, in a National Hockey League game here tonight.

Kennedy assisted by Jackson and Mazowski scored the first goal for Toronto in the first period. Penalties were to Cooper of the Black Hawks and Morris of the Leafs.

"Sleepy" Kilrea playing in the second period through Morris and Metz of the Leafs, both received penalties.

In the third period Metz, assisted by Carr and Bodnar, got the final goal. Metz, who assisted by Kennedy gave the goal for Toronto and Bodnar, who had the first period fourth and final goal for the Leafs. Penalties were to Seibert of the Black Hawks.

LINEUPS

Toronto (4): Jackson, Kennedy, Jackson, Blanowski; 10 18. Penalties, Cooper and Morris.

Second Period. No score. Penalties Morris and Metz.

Third Period. Toronto, Metz (Carr, Bodnar, 4:34. 3, Toronto. Hill Kennedy 11 14 4. Penalties Davidson (Hill), 18 40. Penalty Brimsek.

CANADIENS LENGTHEN LEAD OVER DETROIT

MONTREAL, Dec. 30 (CP).—Montreal Canadiens have lengthened their lead atop the National Hockey League Tonight they beat the New York Rangers 4-1, before around 11,000 fans.

Cooper, assisted by Bouchard, scored the only goal in the first period for Montreal. Bouchard, assisted by K. MacDonald and Goldup, of the Rangers, and Harmon and Lach, of the Canadiens.

Demarco, of the Rangers, scored the first goal of the second period. Then Lach, assisted by Richard, scored a goal for Montreal Canadiens. Penalties were handed out to Lamoureux and Richard, of the Canadiens, and to Bell, of the Rangers.

Montreal starred in the third period. Filiatrault, assisted by Richard and Blake, got the goal, and then the last was scored by Gauthier, assisted by Bouchard and Lamoureux. There were no penalties in the final period.

SUMMARY

First Period: 1 Montreal, 0 Contre. Bouchard, 15 35. Penalties MacDonald Goldup, Harmon, Lach and Richard.

Second Period: 2, New York, Demarco (unassisted) 14 22. 3, Montreal Lach (Richard), 15 36. Penalties, Lamoureux, Moe, Richard.

Third Period: 4, Montreal, Filiatrault (Richard, Lamoureux) 0 18. Penalties, Gauthier, Bouchard, Lamoureux, Blake.

Report Shows Work Done by State Board

OLYMPIA, Dec. 30 (AP).—What sportsmen dollars for fishing and game conservation go for was told by the State Game Department today. For example

If you didn't get that trout well, the department planted 30,500,000 of them, of which 40,167,000 were alevins, as of last month, March 31.

Or a pheasant. Despite feed and management shortages, the statistics number of 47,606 were released in the 1943 season.

In the same biennial report, the department also told today of plans for developing 15 of its 17 game farms through planting increased authority in the hands of eight district supervisors in the postwar years. It also said division of the state into administrative districts the past two years had provided "much better operation."

Predatory animal hunters were paid $41,749. The money represented bounties of 7,346 coyotes, 903 bobcats and 72 cougars.

In efforts to protect farmers against blinding deer and elk, the department settled during the biennium 121 claims for $20,867, and signed agreements for installing nearly 12 miles of fence to protect haystacks and orchards.

The department reported it had purchased 50,388 acres with the aid of Federal grants to provide Winter board and room for big game herds in critical areas and to improve bird habitate conditions.

In prosecution work, the report shows game protectors made 1,296 arrests in the year ending March 31, 1944, and 1,246 the previous year. Only 72 persons gained acquittals in the two years. During this period the courts assessed fines totaling $61,000, but suspended $29,000, and of 2,500 days of jail sentence imposed, over 2,200 days were suspended.

Revenue from State resident hunting and fishing licenses totaled $1,043,217 for the biennium. Only one State alien applied for a required $25 license in the last year. Total revenues of the department from all sources were reported at $1,658,855. Disbursements for the same period were $666,887.

Rugby Scores

LONDON, Dec. 30 (CP).—Results of Rugby Union matches played in the United Kingdom today follow:

Scottish Combined Services 14, R.A.F. 8.

Newport 15, Cardiff 3.

Only games played.

Nine Teams Share Lead in Cup Play

LONDON, Dec. 30 (CP).—Soccer matches played in the United Kingdom today left nine teams with four points each at the top of the league cup competition.

On a basis of goal percentages, their order is: Liverpool, Mansfield Town, British City, London Athletic Cardiff City, Sheffield United Rangers, Crewe Alexandra and Wrexham.

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Your Daily Forecast

By EDWARD A. WAGNER

PLANETARY GUIDE FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1944

Keywords for the Day: Rest, relaxation, poise.

Sunday — General—Sunday is opportunities for rest, relaxation, mixed, but there are some favorable opportunities for rest, relaxation, attention to accounts, finances and resources wardrobe and health, deal.

If December 31st Is Your Birthdate. "Many Happy Returns." Famous persons born on this date include: Tsaker H. Bliss, army officer, member of War Council of World War I; Henry C. Adams, political economist and statistician; J. T. Pirie, publisher and author.

Your Year Ahead: This is a time for ingenuity, resourcefulness, new ideas and new methods of doing things, especially in connection with accounts, finances, resources, credits, business, employment, service, health and necessities.

PLANETARY GUIDE FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 1945

Keywords for the day: "Happy New Year."

Monday in general. This day is quite mixed, and those who are calm, poised, patient and discriminating will get the most accomplished. There is a tendency to impulsiveness, impatience, quarrelsomeness and extravagance which should be guarded against. You would do well to retire fairly early or spend the evening quietly.

If January 1 is your birthday: "Many happy returns." Famous persons born on this date include: Carole Landis, life Lupton, movie actresses; Colonel Frank Knox, former Secretary of Navy and publisher, Paul Revere, silversmith and patriot.

Your year ahead: You can solve some problems to advantage in the coming year—especially in connection with writings, papers, accounts or financial interests, but you should be guarded against a tendency to impatience, impulsiveness, gossip, and be careful in transit.

PLANETARY GUIDE FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1945

Keywords for the Day: Service, sociability, discrimination.

Tuesday in General — The early morning is quite constructive especially between 6 30 and 8 00 a.m. so get an early start. Afternoon and evening favors services, plans, decision, attention to necessities, necessary purchases in which your discrimination and taste should be better than usual. Evening favors sociability.

If January 2 Is Your Birthdate—"Many Happy Returns." Famous persons born on this date include: Joseph Stalin, Russian leader; Fred J. Fischer, manufacturer; H. M. Flagler, capitalist.

Your Year Ahead—Places the accent upon plans, decisions, distant or travel interests, all matters that tie up with the future. This is, therefore, a good time to do longer-range planning and deciding.

Handle Heavy Mail

With the public heeding pleas for early mailing, the post office was able to get the bulk of the heaviest Christmas mail in history out before Christmas, Postmaster G. H. Gardiner stated yesterday.

Figures revealed that in December the post office handled 150,000 more letters than in previous years, and many more parcels. Excluding the last two mailing days of the year, the number of letters and parcels amounted to 1,851,000.

During the height of the rush, December 16, 19 and 20, more than 850 bags of mail were dispatched on the midnight steamer each night. Previously the largest single load had been 600 bags. The rush slackened off on the Thursday before Christmas, December 21.

Although there was also the usual percentage of improperly addressed cards and letters, more parcels than ever were wrongly addressed and poorly wrapped. In such cases the post office will mail the sender a card asking for the proper address and complete mailing instructions.

Practically all of the first class mail which was addressed badly has been sent out under the directory service given to first class mail, but more than 2,000 cards, bearing parcel in October, 1942, and another one cent stamps, remain to be looked over.

BASILDON, England (CP) — The forces fund here sent Roland Weaver-Smith, 19, serving in the Middle East, a letter in October, 1943. He received them both—in October, 1944.

Sunday Radio Programs

CFJC—1440 kc.	CKDA—1130 kc.	KIRO—710 kc.	KOMO—1000 kc.	KJR—950 kc.	KGW—1190 kc.
8 00 Wings of Song	Wake Up Canada	Music	The Burtons Early	Overture to Glory	Breakfast Club
8 15 Wings of Song	Serenade	Serenade	The Burtons Late	Symphonic Plays	Symphonic Plays
8 30 Wings of Song	Melody Parade	Melody Parade	Sunday Sonata	Melody Parade	Melody Parade
8 45 Freedomland	Melodies	Melodies	Davis in Lapland	Melodies	Melodies
9 00 B.B.C. News	B.B.C. News	Salt Lake Crusade	News	War Journal	News
9 15 Wings of Song	Wings of Song	Salt Lake Crusade	Wings of Song	War Journal	Rhythm Rodeo
9 30 Church of the Air	Way of the Spirit	Around the World	Melodies	Melodies	Melodies
9 45 Church of the Air	Way of the Spirit	Melodies	Melodies	Melodies	Melodies
10 00 Church of the Air	Church of the Air	Church of the Air	Church Calling	News	Commander Bond
10 15 Russel and Drexel	Jim Marx	Reading for Pub	Church Calling	Devotional Service	Commander Bond
10 30 Voice of Rome	Morning Quartette	Morning Quartette	Round Table	Morning Quartette	Morning Quartette
10 45 Peace	Morning Quartette	Morning Quartette	Morning Quartette	Morning Quartette	Morning Quartette
11 00 Church Service	Lutheran Service	Matinee Theatre	Matinee Theatre	Worship Hour	Band Concert
11 15 Jim Marx	Lutheran Service	Lutheran Service	Lutheran Service	Worship Hour	Band Concert
11 30 Church Service	Lutheran Service	Religious Period	News	Worship Hour	Bob Chamberlain
11 45 Church Service	Lutheran Service	Lutheran Service	Music	Worship Hour	Bob Chamberlain
12 00 Church Service	Orchestra	Orchestra	Orchestra	Charlotte Greenwood	Voice of Farmer
12 15 Church Service	Orchestra	Orchestra	Orchestra	Charlotte Greenwood	Voice of Farmer
12 30 News	Orchestra	Orchestra	Orchestra	Miss Melba	Miss Carter
12 45 The People Ask	Orchestra	Orchestra	Aunt Mary	Miss Melba	Miss Carter
1 00 Music	Orchestra	Orchestra	Orchestra	Dance Band	Tough Assignment
1 15 Music	Orchestra	Orchestra	Orchestra	Dance Band	Tough Assignment
1 30 Prescott Presents	Church of the All	Helen Kelly	Men in Music	Andrews Sisters	Tales That Satisfy
1 45 Prescott Presents	Church of the All	Helen Kelly	Men in Music	Andrews Sisters	Tales That Satisfy
2 00 Charlie Chan	News	Pacific Beat	Symphonies	Mary Small	Pace the Issue
2 15 Charlie Chan	Jack Corner	Pacific Beat	Symphonies	Mary Small	Pace the Issue
2 30 Song Service	Bringing Rare	Pacific Beat	Symphonies	Opera	The Reader
2 45 Song Service	Bringing Rare	William Miller	Symphonies	Opera	The Reader
3 00 Sunday Serenade	Opera and Harriet	Opera and Harriet	Catholic Hour	Hall of Fame	Quick as a Flash
3 15 Sunday Serenade	Opera and Harriet	Opera and Harriet	Catholic Hour	Hall of Fame	Quick as a Flash
3 30 Sunday	Symphony	Opera	Catholic Hour	Hall of Fame	Opina Opina
3 45 Sunday	Symphony	Opera	American Challenge	Hall of Fame	Opina Opina
4 00 Raymond Paige	String Serenade	Kate Smith	Jack Benny	Drew Pearson	Newsweek
4 15 Raymond Paige	Kate Smith	Kate Smith	Jack Benny	Drew Pearson	Newsweek
4 30 "L" for Lasky	"L" for Lasky	Kate Smith	Band Wagon	Fulton Lewis	Newsweek
4 45 "L" for Lasky	"L" for Lasky	Kate Smith	Band Wagon	National Vespers	Newsweek
5 00 Music	Music	Music	Music	Music	Mediation Board
5 15 Music	Music	Music	Music	Music	Mediation Board
5 30 Serenade	Serenade	Serenade	Serenade	Serenade	Mediation Board
5 45 Serenade	Serenade	Serenade	Serenade	Serenade	Mediation Board
6 00 Reader's Digest	Hour 45	Reader's Digest	Merry-Go-Round	Walter Winchell	Hedy Hedrick
6 15 Reader's Digest	Hour 45	Reader's Digest	Merry-Go-Round	Walter Winchell	Hedy Hedrick
6 30 Star Theatre	Music Hour	Reader's Digest	Familiar Music	Mystery Time	Cedric Parrish
6 45 Star Theatre	Music Hour	Reader's Digest	Familiar Music	Mystery Time	Jerry Conner
7 00 Quentin Maclean	"L" for	Time 3 of Jones	City of Dreams	City of Dreams	Andrews Wilderness
7 15 Man With a Story	"L" for Brooklington	Talks 3 or Lewis 3	Hour of Charm	Life of Riley	Lewisohn Wilderness
7 30 Charlie Chan	Hour of Charm	Hour of Charm	Hour of Charm	Life of Riley	Wilderness
7 45 Grand Opera	Hour of Charm	Hour of Charm	Hour of Charm	Life of Riley	Wilderness
8 00 Grand Opera	Chicago Symphony	Chicago Symphony	Great Gildersleeve	Dreadful Chief	In the Navy Game
8 15 Grand Opera	Chicago Symphony	Chicago Symphony	Great Gildersleeve	Dreadful Chief	Date at Night
8 30 Grand Opera	Chamber Music	Moodlie	Symphony Hour	Quiz Kids	Winner's
8 45 Grand Opera	Chamber Music	Moodlie	Symphony Hour	Quiz Kids	Winner's
9 00 Grand Opera	B.B.C. Bandstand	Symphony Hour	Symphony Hour	Gabriel Heatter	Rex Miller
9 15 Grand Opera	Bandstand	Symphony Hour	Symphony Hour	Gabriel Heatter	Rex Miller
9 30 Grand Opera	Vesper Hour	Jack Benny	Jack Benny	Jack Benny	Jim Bishop
9 45 Grand Opera	Vesper Hour	Music	Music	Music	Music
10 00 News	Pacific Time	Pacific Time	Pacific Time	Music Hour	Russell
10 15 Canadian Vespers	Pacific Time	Beauty Endures	Music	Music Hour	Grace Moore
10 30 Sunday	Prelude to Midnight	Prelude to Midnight	Music	Music Hour	Grace Moore
10 45 Sunday	Prelude to Midnight	Prelude to Midnight	Orchestra	Orchestra	News
11 00 Pope Current	Prelude to Midnight	World Wide Church	Orchestra	Dreamland Bridge	
11 15 Pope Current	Prelude to Midnight	Prelude to Midnight	Orchestra	Dreamland Bridge	
11 30 Pope Current	Prelude to Midnight	Music in the Night	Orchestra	Dreamland Bridge	
11 45 Cathedral Bells	Prelude, News	News for Alaska	Music in the Night	Dreamland Bridge	

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Morning—Church 8 00, News 8 05, Music for a Mood 8 45, International Zoo 9 00, Music 9 15, Sunday Serenade 10 30, Music 10 45, Morning Devotional 11 00, Afternoon—Piano Dances, 12 00, News, 12 45, Altar and Blue 1 Sunday Players, 1 30, Sunday Serenade 2 30, Sunday Concert Hall 3 00, Sunday Serenade 3 15, Music at the Nations, 3 30, Sunday Serenade 4 30, Sunday Concert Hall 5 00, Sunday Serenade 5 15, News 5 30, Songs 5 45, Simons Philharmonic 6 00, Sunday Serenade 6 15, News 6 30, Songs You Love 6 45, Dance Time 7 00, Music 7 15, Sunday Serenade 7 30, Close of Day 10 30, Lullaby Time, 10 45, News, 11, New Year Show, 11 30.

CJOR—690 kc.

Morning—Lazy and Life, 8 30, Alberta Arts Institute 8, Lutheran Hour 8 30, Music 9 00, Sunday Serenade 9 15, Sunday Concert Hall 11, Metropolitan Performance, 11, Afternoon—Music, 12 00, Presents, 12 45, Andre Kostelanetz 1, Ringo Messenger 1 15, Jubilee Quartette, 1 30, Concert Hall 1 45, Gospel Centre 2 30, Concert Hall 3 30, Church of the Air 4 30, Sunday Serenade 5 30, Sunday Vespers 6 30, Gospel Messengers, 7 00, Donald Novis 7, Music for Canadians, 7 30, Reader's Digest, 8, Star Theatre 8 30, Music and Musicians 9, Music 9 15, Sunday Serenade 9 30, Music 9 45, Sunday Serenade 10, Music 10 15, Sunday Serenade 10 30, Music 10 45, Sunday Serenade 11, News 11 15, Music 11 30, Close 11 45.

Sunday Highlights

8 00 a.m.—Sunday Serenade, CFJC.
4 00 p.m.—Jack Benny, KGMB.
4 45 p.m.—"L" for Lasky, CFJC.
7 00 p.m.—Piano Recital, CBR.
8 00 p.m.—Music for a Canadian, CFJC.
8 30 p.m.—Kate Up With the Stars, BJR.
9 00 p.m.—Friendly Bible, KGW.
9 30 p.m.—Back to Your World, BJR.
9 00 p.m.—Tenor Hour, CBR.

CJVI Newscasts

Sundays—6 00 p.m., 12 45 p.m., 4 45 p.m., 8 45 p.m.

Mondays—9 00 a.m., 10 00 a.m., 12 30 p.m., 4 45 p.m., 10 00 p.m.

In addition, CJVI broadcasts a one-minute news resume every hour on the hour from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and at 11 p.m. on Saturday at 11 00 a.m.

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Monday Radio Programs

CJVI—1440 kc.	CKDA—1130 kc.	KIRO—710 kc.	KOMO—1000 kc.	KJR—950 kc.	KGW—1190 kc.
6 00 Dawn	Dawn	Early Bird	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
6 15 Just About Time	Lizzie Lee Family	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
6 30 Just About Time	Morning Concert	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
6 45 Just About Time	Morning Concert	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
7 00 B.B.C. News	B.B.C. News	B.B.C. News	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
7 15 Shamrock Singers	Lizzie Lee Family	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
7 30 Shamrock Singers	Lizzie Lee Family	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
7 45 Special	Morning Review	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
8 00 Breakfast	Morning Visit	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
8 15 Breakfast	Morning Visit	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
8 30 Breakfast	Morning Visit	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
8 45 Passports to Music	Sunny Walkers	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
9 00 "Mr. Wise Guy"	Breakfast Buffet	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
9 15 Make Room Music	Monday Chat	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
9 30 Hymns of Faith	Morning Chat	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
9 45 Song & Song	Requests in Song	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
10 00 Al Jolson	Piano Broadcast	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
10 15 Bright Eye	Piano Broadcast	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
10 30 Novelty	Piano Broadcast	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
10 45 Novelty	Matinee Memories	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
11 00 Harmonettes	The Inspirations	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
11 15 Club Dixie	Monologues	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
11 30 Club Dixie Blue	Afternoon Special	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
11 45 Club Dixie Blue	Cocktail	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
12 00 Middle Levels	Concert	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
12 15 Middle Levels	Listen to London	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
12 30 Middle Levels	Concert Hall	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
12 45 Pacific Mail	Musical Moments	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
1 00 Pacific Mail	Curtain Time	Noontime	Noontime	Noontime	Noontime
1 15 Musical Magic	Curtain Time	The World Today	Noontime	Noontime	Noontime
1 30 B.B.C. News	B.B.C. News	B.B.C. News	Noontime	Noontime	Noontime
1 45 Rhythm Rodeo	Noontime Melodies	Noontime Melodies	Noontime	Noontime	Noontime
2 00 Rhythm Rodeo	Noontime Melodies	Noontime Melodies	Noontime	Noontime	Noontime
2 15 Carolina Cabbies	Garden Gleaners	Seattle Life	Noontime	Noontime	Noontime
2 30 Carolina Cabbies	Garden Gleaners	Seattle Life	Noontime	Noontime	Noontime
2 45 Rhythm Rodeo	Garden Gleaners	Seattle Life	Noontime	Noontime	Noontime
3 00 Afternoon Calling	Variety Parade	Ma Gill the Wife	Noontime	Noontime	Noontime
3 15 Afternoon Calling	Variety Parade	Ma Gill the Wife	Noontime	Noontime	Noontime
3 30 Tea Dance	Variety Parade	Ma Gill the Wife	Noontime	Noontime	Noontime
3 45 Tea Dance	Rhythm Rendezvous	Ma Gill the Wife	Noontime	Noontime	Noontime
4 00 Tea Dance	Radio Theatre	Radio Theatre	Noontime	Noontime	Noontime
4 15 Tea Dance	Radio Theatre	Radio Theatre	Noontime	Noontime	Noontime
4 30 Tea Dance	Radio Theatre	Radio Theatre	Noontime	Noontime	Noontime
4 45 Tea Dance	Radio Theatre	Radio Theatre	Noontime	Noontime	Noontime
5 00 Dinner Dance	Accent Dance	Accent Dance	Noontime	Noontime	Noontime
5 15 Dinner Dance	Accent Dance	Accent Dance	Noontime	Noontime	Noontime
5 30 Dinner Dance	Tunes to Tantalize	Tunes to Tantalize	Noontime	Noontime	Noontime
5 45 Dinner Dance	Tunes to Tantalize	Tunes to Tantalize	Noontime	Noontime	Noontime
6 00 Dinner Dance	Tunes to Tantalize	Tunes to Tantalize	Noontime	Noontime	Noontime
6 15 Dinner Dance	Tunes to Tantalize	Tunes to Tantalize	Noontime	Noontime	Noontime
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11 45 Dance Time	Dance Time	Dance Time	Noontime	Noontime	Noontime

Monday Highlights

6 00 a.m.—Breakfast Hostess, KOL.
6 00 a.m.—Information Please, KOMO.
6 00 a.m.—Design for Comedy, CJVI.
6 00 a.m.—Thank to Texas, BJR.
6 00 a.m.—Night Music, CBR.
6 00 p.m.—Barnyard Roster, CBR.
6 00 p.m.—The Way to Health, CJVI.
6 00 p.m.—Ring the Bell With Music, CJVI.
10 00 p.m.—The Magic Hour, BJR.

CKWX—990 kc.

Morning—News 6 00, About Time 6 15, Lazy Jim Crawford 6 30, Music Unannounced 7, Cecil Dawson, Organ 7 15, Capitol Theatre 7 30, Music 8, Morning Devotional 8 15, Music Parade 10 15, Lockhart Lee 10 30, Music 11 15, Cecil Dawson 11 30, The Lady Is 12, Noontime Music 1, Afternoon—News, 12 Parody Money Matters 12 15, Music 12 30, Cecil Dawson 12 45, Music 1 15, Cecil Dawson 1 30, Music 1 45, Movie in the Night 2 30, News 2, Music Unannounced 2 15, Song of Life 2 30, Dividend 2 45, Red, White and Blue 3, Music 3 15, Cecil Dawson 3 30, Music Who Makes It Music 3 30, Bright 4, News, 4 30, Unannounced, 4 45, Dividend 5, Cecil Dawson 5 15, Music 5 30, Dance Time 6 30, Dance Time 7, News 7 30, Dance Jamz 8 15, Modern Music 9 15, Cecil Dawson 9 30, Music 9 45, Cecil Dawson 10 15, Music 10 30, Cecil Dawson 11 15, Music 11 30, Close 11 45

Victoria Area Building Total Shows $912,525 Rise in Year

Greater Victoria building inspectors issued permits totaling $2,993,817 this year, passing the 1943 figure by $912,525.

Totals announced yesterday were: Saanich, $707,175; Oak Bay, $380,693; Esquimalt, $61,700. On Friday the city announced a total of $1,732,849.

Comparative figures for 1942 show that Saanich moved from third to second place. Figures for 1942 were: Victoria, $1,111,146; Esquimalt, $654,600; Saanich, $297,603; Oak Bay, $115,487.

This year in Saanich permits for 201 dwellings costing $703,420 were issued, against 87 dwellings for $1,182,840 last year. Average cost per dwelling was $3,500, and two school additions. There were 34 miscellaneous permits this year.

December figures in the municipalities were:

Saanich — Seven dwelling places including an apartment house costing $40,100, and seven other buildings costing $27,000 last year.

Oak Bay—Two houses costing $10,000 this year, and four costing $18,200 last year.

Esquimalt—Only two permits for dwellings totaling $1,400 this year.

Saanich December totals were $64,000 for 27 permits this year and $29,670 for 8 permits last year. Oak Bay's totals were $13,000 for six permits, and $16,800 for 10 permits. Esquimalt's permits this month included one for $1,300 at the Halfway House.

EQUIMALT TOTAL

SHOWS 18 HOUSES

Equimalt had 18 houses for $40,640 this year, and 11 for $31,600 last year. Average cost rose from $2,860 to $2,102. Esquimalt's 1943 figure also included Wartime Housing, Ltd., and Yarrows, Ltd., homes.

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Organist Passes

EDWARD PARSONS

Funeral services for the late Edward Parsons, organist of Metropolitan United Church for the past 40 years, will be held on Wednesday afternoon in Metropolitan United Church at 2 o'clock. Rev. Dr. A. E. Whitehouse will officiate. Interment will be at Colwood Cemetery. Mr. Parsons passed away early yesterday morning, at his residence, 1804 Hampshire Road, after an illness of the week.

He is survived by his wife, Florence; one daughter, Mrs. John Hingston, Victoria; two sons, Cyril, at home, and Howard, a lieutenant now overseas with the Canadians; a grandchildren, a brother, Fred, in Victoria, and four brothers and three sisters in England.

Born in England on July 16, 1871, he commenced his career as an organist at an early age under some of the leading church organists in England. With his brother, Fred, he came to Canada early in 1903 and came to Victoria shortly thereafter. He was an authority on the organ in Victoria and taught many of the leading organists in Victoria. He was for six years a director of the Victoria Musical Society. At one time he was a partner in the real estate and insurance firm of Lee & Parsons, and as a chartered accountant was employed by several prominent business firms in the city in recent years.

Mayor-Elect Has Message

An admonition to the citizens of Victoria to prepare for the peace they must play in re-establishing returning war veterans, is contained in a New Year's message of Mayor-Elect Percy E. George. The message reads:

"In extending New Year greetings to the citizens of our fair city, I cannot help but think of the future, particularly in so far as 1945 is concerned. I am firmly of the opinion that the coming year will be one of history, with the greatest, regrettably decisive of the first magnitude, for our leaders.

"The important thing is. Are we as a nation—a very important nation in the world of affairs today—ready mentally or physically for a transition, gradual or rapid, from a war-geared to a peacetime set-up? This is the question that all of us should ask ourselves with real earnestness, because as citizens of a Canadian city we cannot afford to remain aloof or apathetic to the implicit trust imposed on us by our gallant young men and women who are carrying the fight to the enemy.

"Now and during the whole year let us all be conscious that we are the home front will sooner or later have to continue our full share of mental, physical and financial help in the rehabilitation of the men and women who are fortunate enough to return from war service.

"With these thoughts in mind, I extend to all of my fellow citizens and particularly to those who have suffered losses of those dear to them through the ravages of war, my sincere wish that the New Year will bring them a broader concept of their requisite contribution to the maintenance of our democratic freedom. May you all enjoy the benign influence of the Infinite Wisdom to the full during 1945."

Fewer Marriages Recorded Here

Number of marriages and deaths in British Columbia were down in 1944, compared with 1943. Number of births was about the same. Divorces appeared headed for a new record.

Figures of the Provincial Government's annual statistics office show 7,940 marriages to the end of November, compared with 8,297 in the whole of 1943. There were 17,487 births in 11 months of this year, against 18,016 in 12 months of 1943. Deaths totalled 8,678 for 11 months, compared with 8,314 last year.

Should the number of divorces in December maintain the average of the preceding 11 months, it appeared likely the total for the province for 1944 would be about 1,000. There were 816 divorces in the end of November, compared with 878 for all of last year.

City Police Court

Vernon A. Eaton pleaded guilty in city police court yesterday to a charge of stealing an automobile owned by Harold Warner, and Robert O. Reid and Christopher Riley, similarly charged, elected preliminary hearing. Eaton was remanded for January 2 for sentence, and the other two were remanded to that day to set a date for their hearing.

Magistrate F. C. Hall set bail of $1,000 each for Reid and Riley.

A pedestrian paid a $1 fine for ignoring a traffic signal. Prosecutorials each paid $2.50 fines for parking offences one paid $5 for not having a driver's licence, and one paid $10 for failing to have a car licence plate.

Ker & Stephenson In New Location

Ker & Stephenson, Ltd., moved to new offices at 800 Government Street during the week-end. In 1911 Robert H. B. Ker and J. Ross Bell Ker joined in partnership with Lt.-Col. F. Brooke Stephenson. Prior to that time the Ker brothers had been associated with the firm of L. Ker & Co. in Montreal, in which Robert & Ker, Ltd., was formed.

Ker & Stephenson, Ltd., took over the business of Brett & Ker, Ltd., and the local branch of Robert & Ker, & Son, Ltd., which had which had been managed in Victoria by Lt.-Col. Stephenson for the past time. Lt.-Col. Stephenson had been associated with the old original firm of Brett & Ker, Ltd., which he joined in 1913.

In September 1939 on the outbreak of war one of the three partners, R. Russell Ker, then a major, left the office to take command of the coast defence battery at Macaulay Point, and later a year later gave overseas as brigadier-general, commanding the Royal Rifles of Canada, Anti-Aircraft Regiment composed of four Western Saskatchewan.

Two years ago Lt.-Colonel Ker was promoted to full colonel and was assigned two or three important commands in this time. The senior active part of the business of Ker & Stephenson, Ltd., has been conducted by Lt.-Colonel Stephenson as managing director. Lt.-Colonel Stephenson commands the 3rd Reserve Battalion of the Canadian Scottish Regiment here.

R. H. B. Ker is president of the firm but takes his interests to a considerable extent as he is a senior director and director of several large industrial concerns in Canada. In addition to the principals there are 12 members on the staff at the present time. Since the start of the war seven members of the staff have entered the armed services, four are in the army, two in the navy, and one in the RCAF (W.D.), all general service.

Electricians May Be Brought Here

Twenty-five A. F. of L. electricians brought to Vancouver from Toronto to work on maintenance work will be a Vancouver shipyard and, who declined to take out permits with the Amalgamated Electrical Union, may be transferred to Victoria, according to a Canadian Press dispatch.

C. A. Hodge, local National Selective Service manager yesterday night he had received no word of the transfer.

The Amalgamated Electrical Union holds the closed shop contract in North Burrard Shipyard, and the Toronto men wanted to work under the jurisdiction of their own union.

Arrangements were made for them to pass through National Selective Service interview and work on shipyard jobs—having here, the Vancouver news story said.

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City and District

Battery Stolen — R. D. Mosley reported to city police yesterday that a storage battery had been stolen from his truck at 1312 Summit Street.

Receivers Car—A car that J. Deighton, 1814 Pemberton Street, reported stolen on Friday evening, was found by him yesterday morning according to a report to city police.

Cancel Reserve—The Department has canceled the reserve on 36 acres at Creek, desired by George W. Renner for a home and boat landing.

Cemetery Site—Survey has been placed on 2.75 acres at Kitwanga, Cassiar district, by order in council, to provide a cemetery site. Roy Thomas, T. Robenchild and T. K. Moore have been appointed the governing board.

Debts Court—Thomas M. Patterson, stipendiary magistrate at Port Alberni, has been appointed small debts court magistrate there in place of W. Barry Bootsford, according to an order in council passed this week.

To Quarry Marble—Application has been made by Francis J. Beale to lease, for the purpose of quarrying marble, 43 acres on Aristazabal Island, in Heroine Strait and the Cabinet has lifted the reserve on the ground to permit the lease.

Certificates Cheered—E. L. Shaw, city solicitor, has received word from D. A. Macdonald, city comptroller, yesterday, that the Bank of Eastern Canada, that, debenture certificates being issued for the city last refunding had been checked and found correct.

Seek Information—The City of Calgary wrote yesterday to Victoria asking for information on the early closing of gasoline stations here. By another letter the Alberta city said it planned two scholarships for the University of Alberta, and asked Victoria's opinion on the matter.

Board Site—A consultation board dealing with the application of Local No. 1, Industrial Clerks Association, for a collective agreement with Yarrows, Ltd., held its second meeting here yesterday. Another sitting will be held Tuesday.

Name Officers—P. L. James, of Victoria, was elected treasurer of the Architectural Institute of British Columbia at a meeting in Vancouver yesterday. Other executive members elected are: J. H. Lort, Joseph E. Watson, president, John B. Porter, vice-president, and S. M. Evaleigh, secretary.

To Send Skates — More than 30 pairs of ice skates will be sent to YMCA Dominion headquarters in Toronto next week by the local organization, it was learned yesterday. The skates, requested by headquarters of the Y.M.C.A. War Services Committee, will be given to Canadian fighting men overseas.

New Radio Programs—Several new programs will be added to the schedule of radio station CJVI in 1945. The "Kate Smith Hour," "Ellery Queen" mystery show, "The Lipstonaires" and "Mutiny on the Swing" will be among those starting early in January. Days and times of the programs will be announced later.

Reconvert Yacht—The 140-foot yacht, Normal, owned and operated by the Powell River Company, Ltd., converted to the Government service in the war, is being refitted as a luxury vessel. The sleek craft has been used as a naval investigation ship off York Island, on the Inland Passage and shortly will be returned to the pulp and paper company.

Thefts Reported—Saanich Police yesterday reported the theft of a variety of tools from the municipal public works department, of car radio parts from Mahinder Singh, Duppin Road, and of a gold locket and chain and a cigarette case from 2044 Wascana Street. Tools stolen included three picks, seven rock hammers, four bush hooks, three axes and two blocks.

Flowers in Winter—Although the record cold weather postponed the blooming of snowdrops, primroses and other flowers that are usually open in Beacon Hill Park long before New Year's, the bulb season in the park will be able to see marigolds, Christmas roses, violets, primroses and wallflowers in bloom, according to W. H. Warren parks superintendent.

Competition for Swan—A female swan to Indoor Beacon Hill Park's pondering pool, which was stay in the park was obtaining this week from the Elk Lake game preserve, W. H. Warren, parks superintendent, said yesterday. This makes a total of five swans now in the park including two other old ones and a young one hatched last year. The swan for whom the male has been ordered recently left the park and spent some time at Esquimalt.

Open House—The YMCA annual open house will be held New Year's Day from 3 until 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Refreshments will be served in the ladies auxiliary rooms by Mrs. B. J. D. Clark. Music will be arranged by Miss Catherine Hanson. During the program sections in the gymnasium and swimming pool will be open for the purposes of respective YMCA clubs. A tumbling demonstration and basketball game will be included. The pool will be open from 4 to 4.30 o'clock.

Exchange Lot—The Cabinet has approved an exchange of lots between the Crown and the City of Vancouver. The lots are in Hastings Townsite, and are zoned as heavy industrial sites. The order approving exchange of Lots 37 and 38, owned by the Crown, for Lot 78 owned by the city. It is promised not the city owns the business of the lots nearby fronting on railway track but no withheld sale for lack of access. The lots are described as of "substantially the same value."

Special Event—An "Around Town" programme will be heard New Year's Eve over radio station CJVI. It was announced yesterday by M. Y. Chomnet, station manager. Bells of Christ Church Cathedral will be carried until midnight after midnight. The station will broadcast from the Empress where a large party will be in progress. A trip to the Cyrano Club, Esquimalt, will be made by the Land Registry Office.

Since 1927 the city has been making a yearly $30,000 principal payment on the company, which was incorporated in 1925 on a $1,450,000 capitalization, Mr. Shaw said.

Buildings served by the company's system are tailed through the city solicitor, said yesterday.

He said that as soon as refunding of the city's debt is completed he will start work on legal proposals for the transfer. Part of the work is to planned by dance recordings far into the morning for the benefit of home parties being held throughout Greater Victoria.

Gasoline Total Shows Decrease

Consumption of gasoline in British Columbia in 1944 to the end of October was 51,538,777 gallons, indicating a considerable drop below last year's total of 67,015,911 gallons, according to preliminary figures of the Coal and Petroleum Board. October figures were the latest available.

Due to less activity in the North on the Alaska Highway and other military projects, commercial consumption will show a sharp decrease. It is expected in ten months ended the end of October, 14,213,342 gallons were used commercially, compared with 25,202,152 in the preceding year.

Marine consumption, at 2,450,197 gallons for ten months, compared with 3,382,480 gallons for 12 months of 1943, is the only class expected to show an increase.

Nearly 600 Firms Listed in Year

During 1944 a total of 600 new firms, compared with 512 last year, were incorporated in British Columbia, Legislative Buildings under the Comptroller of Accounts.

New societies numbered 87, compared with 88 last year. Co-operatives increased the number from 18 last year to 40 in 1944, and the number of credit unions gained two, at 36.

The large number of incorporations, and registered transfer of the staff headed by Mr. Comptroller Jones and W. I. Llewellyn, deputy, extremely busy throughout the year.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Victoria Horticultural Society annual meeting will be held in the Oak Bay Hall at 8 o'clock Tuesday night. Motion pictures will be shown by Clarence B. D. Ferris, Department of Trade and Industry.

Announcements

Card of Thanks. As another year draws to a close, we wish to take this opportunity of expressing our deep appreciation of the services rendered the Balmoral Lease Centre by the faithful voluntary helpers who assist in the office and the canteen. We thank each and all most sincerely for their services, generously and cheerfully of their time and energy and we wish them a Happy Christmas and Happy New Year. Jean T. Combe, supervisor.

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The Winnipeg Grill, corner of Courtney and Douglas, will be closed on New Year's Day. The regular $1 special dinner will be served as usual Sunday, New Year's Eve, at 6 o'clock. Miss Campbell, please phone G 6011.

Kindergarten and Pre-Primary School opens January 3 corner Douglas Street and Carey Road. Provincial Welfare Grant. Experienced teacher in charge. Bus passes door. G 4535.

Overseas League, Saturday, January 6, Y.W.C.A. 2.30. Speaker, Dr. Clifford Carl Robert, "Nature's Amphitheatre." Dr. Carl will also show a newly-produced film illustrating the subject.

Service of Music, with Ian Gallilord, organist, Hazel Rowcroft, soprano and vocal, under direction of Thomas Jenkins, St. John's Church, Sunday, December 31, at 7.30 p.m.

The Annual Birthday Dinner of the Knitting Society will be held at Terry's on Wednesday, January 3 at 6.30 p.m. For reservations phone F 7148 or G 3324.

Mrs. G. A. McCurdy, L.Mus., formerly teacher at Halifax Conservatory of Music, will open studio January 10 for piano and voice. Phone G 6681 for particulars.

Salvage Collection week commencing January 8 Girl Guides Association of the Avenue east of Richmond Road. Phone and Corge Phone E 3413 before Friday.

Dr Walter Beatty has opened offices at 407 Campbell Building Douglas at Fort. Telephone G 2213. For answer telephone residence, G 8732.

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Assets of Esquimalt Water Works System to Go to City

Assets of Esquimalt Water Works Co., Ltd., which has been in the process of winding up for more than 15 years, will be transferred to the city early next year, F. L. Shaw city solicitor, said yesterday.

He said that as soon as refunding of the city's debt is completed he will start work on legal proposals for the transfer. Part of the work is to planned by dance recordings far into the morning for the benefit of home parties being held throughout Greater Victoria.

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FOX—To and from Mr. and Mrs. F. Fox, nee Margaret Ferguson, Nanaimo, B.C., on Sunday, December 24, 1944, a daughter.

BOWDEN—To and from Mr. B. Bowden and Mrs. Bowden, nee Joyce Jeffries, on Monday, December 25, 1944, a daughter, Christine Ann, both doing well.

STEWART—To Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Stewart, 1144 Fairfield Road, on Tuesday, December 26, 1944, a son.

MARRIAGES

FUNNY-HALL—SHORMAN—Mrs. L. Shorman, of Victoria, B.C., announces the marriage of her daughter, Margaret Mary, to Sgt. Pilot Arthur Funny-Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Cunningham, of Victoria, B.C., formerly of Ottawa, Ont., on Saturday, December 23, at 4 p.m. at the Victoria Church Centre, Rev. R. B. Ker officiating.

DRUM—WEAVER—On Saturday, December 23, 1944, at 7 p.m., Pilot Officer Lorne Lindsay Drum, of Victoria, B.C., to Pilot Officer Elizabeth Weaver, of Victoria, B.C., formerly of Winnipeg, Man., R.C.A.F. Essentially a quiet wedding, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Canon Quainton in the Oakwood and the Rev. Canon Quainton officiating.

DEATHS

BERG—Thos. passed away at his residence, 1016 Bay Street, Victoria, B.C., on Friday, December 29, 1944, in his 80th year. The deceased was a native of Sweden and a resident of Victoria for the past 40 years. He was a member of the Victoria Lodge No. 1, A.F. & A.M., and Victoria Chapter No. 1, R.A.M. Survived by his sorrowing wife, Ellen Berg, of Richmond, Ada Mae Berg, of Victoria, and one grandchild (Mrs. Ada Mae Berg, Victoria). Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the parlors of Thos. Hayward & Sons, Ltd., Rev. Canon Quainton officiating. Interment will take place in the Royal Oak Burial Park.

BLUMPHERTS—At his home in Sooke on the 29th instant, Mr. Jacob Blumpherts, in his 78th year, aged 77 years and 9 months. Mr. Blumpherts was a native of Holland, and a resident of Victoria for the past 40 years. He was a member of the Victoria Lodge No. 1, A.F. & A.M., and Victoria Chapter No. 1, R.A.M. Survived by his sorrowing wife, Mrs. Mildred Blumpherts, Dorchester Drive, Victoria, B.C., and one son, Jacob Blumpherts, of Victoria. Funeral notice later.

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United Kingdom and Overseas Dominions

The London Letter

By GLANVILLE CAREY
British United Press Staff Correspondent

LONDON.—Judging by the celebrations, now is available the Christmas New Year season. Judging by the advertisements the mind of the public is running on appropriate food.

Since we are told that there will be no extras, no appetizers, no otherwise, for this "festive" season with the exception of half a pound of sugar, half a pound of margarine and eighty-seven ounces of meat it would appear that Christmas is nearer than the food.

One moment! Apropos one Hem of appropriate food—I ought to say that we have been assured officially that there is a supply of mince available in the shops. That's the theory, per contra the fact is that—apart perhaps from purveyors of nurses—the shopkeepers out of 10 on being asked for it press a button, so to speak, whereupon a loud and irritable voice says, "I keep on telling you, madam, we've got no mince—we don't know when we shall have any mince—we don't expect any mince—I keep on telling you, madam . . ."

On the question of food (in general)—we are starving. I repeat, we are neither starving, nor even hungry. Nevertheless, we are so weakly fed up with not being fed up.

Perhaps in this time of year, but people do seem to be more than usually reminiscent of the roast beef of Old England and the plum puddings and the oranges and the banana and the mincemeat and the almonds and the brandy for the snap dragon for the kids and the

MORE MONEY AND MORE LIVING

What? We can't eat them! Well, anyway, every normal week that passes we get one and tuppence worth (that's 28 cents) of the roast beef or mutton, including the fat. And with money and luck and more money and more luck we may perhaps get some other things.

Of course there cannot be much entertaining nowadays among ordinary people. Either at Christmas or at any other time. The table of the house may talk a friend or two to let him eat and again, but not often. The tea ration of two ounces a week simply will not run to it. There is no question of one for the 30th in these days.

And what can she offer them? Bread and butter? Certainly we have all the bread we want—but the butter? Two ounces a week. And what else? Marmalade, jam? They never paste, therefore, more potato. Every housed thing means potato. "After all my dear, why should I use up my points just for Jane Brown? Of course she's a very old friend, but I've never really liked her." So for all I know it may be actually correct for madam when she says "Come in and have some tea with us" to add "and bring your own buns."

If a friend says the night was about breakfast. Bacon and eggs? You can delete eggs right away; it's a hundred to one that you haven't an egg in the house. Bacon? The ration comes to three or four rashers a week. Is it what? Perhaps the guest prefers a light breakfast of fruit. Yes, very likely—but there isn't any fruit, so that's that.

You remember the days of the Barmecide Feast in the "Arabian Nights"? No—One of the wealthy Oriental Barmecide family was reputed to have possessed a warped sense of humor, invited a starving man to dinner; course after course of the rarest meats were served in exceptional form, but only in dumb show; not a scrap of actual food appeared on the table. I expect you remember how the rest of the story—how the man, after the guest had pretended to get drunk and had smitten him on the nose one after and Barmecide abjectly repented and served a real menu. Of course we can't go to the end of the story, but we can go a good way through the first chapter.

What has been the effect of this austere living on our general health? The doctors tell us that on the whole it has been beneficial, but I think that can be qualified. A medical friend has a considerable West End practice. He tells me that in present his patients—all people well to do—are in better trim than they were before the war and he attributes that to their being forced to eat less, especially less meat but more vegetables.

On the other hand, another friend who has one of the largest practices in the East End of London, mainly working class quarter—tells me that there is a very common brow pat to poor living conditions and to bad housing—and to the life of street sleeping. Incidentally, they agree that the malaise imposed is not so sore met with as before the war, although, of course, he or she was bound to drinking natural orange juice daily, a girl acquaintance of mine consumed a bottle or two of a synthetic product. I don't know what other phenomena followed, but before long, and without doing ill, she developed a complexion of a brilliant green that was the envy of dark of hair and eyes, she had up to then fancied herself in red only.

This addition of yellow to her favorite color scheme of red and black made her look for the time being like some sort of personification of the Irish Flag.

The belief held among many people that there is more illness about than ever before is principally founded on the fact that general practitioners are waiting rooms are so often packed with patients and that many doctors are worked off their feet. That state of things is made, however, not so much by more illness as by the small number of civilian doctors available.

Reverting to the food: We used to think that we had lost many things. It was not good manners to eat with the knife, it was not thought it was well for us always to rise from the table feeling that we could eat still more. We have lost not only follow that counsel of perfection—then, but by jiggs, we very often do now, especially if we sup in a restaurant—taste of food. We discover then that just as two swallows don't make a summer, two potatoes don't make a meal, nor even two potatoes supper.

Still, I should say that few of us are any worse for our austere diet, whether we like it or not. But perhaps because of that austerity at least one symptom of one way of living is prevalent, it is audible and at times embarrassing. I could no doubt find an indelicate word for it, but a modern might perhaps term it borborygmus.

Ideas of Women on Makeup Will Change

LONDON (CP)—New properties invented as substitutes during the war are going to change women's ideas on makeup when beauty aids can again be manufactured freely, cosmetics of cosmetic firms say. Two factors are involved:

1. Women have had to do without many cosmetics and have found the most used to it.

2. Protective creams used in many war jobs have made British women more conscious of the medicinal properties of cosmetics.

"Our postwar cosmetics are going to aim at bringing out natural beauty," said Hilary Hartley, managing director of one leading cosmetics company.

"We shall try to improve skin and color—not change them into something else. We shall stress the superiority of the manufacturer has some ideas in the sister world but still taking advantage of these few months to get ready preparations that will make the postwar years more beautiful."

It is expected cosmetics prices will not be much higher than before the war.

Production High

Production of livestock and livestock products in Canada in 1944 is generally at even a higher level than in 1943, states the Current Review of Agricultural Conditions in Canada. Slaughterings of all classes of livestock are expected to be at a record high. Increases over 1943 Barrow crops in 1944 will probably exceed the high level of 1943, and herd is also going overseas in record volume.

Aussia Nurses Help Wounded in Pacific

CANBERRA, Australia (CP)—Australian nurses, members of the Medical and Evacuation Transport Unit, are doing splendid work in New Guinea, carrying patients of all arms United States medical services.

A day in the life of these sisters begins at 2:30 a.m. when they get up, have breakfast, and are in the planes by 4 a.m.

They fly in the big transport planes, taking goods and ammunition up to the front lines. There they pick up wounded, fly them back to a hospital and then return to their own base. They are flying all day.

Each plane holds 18 wounded. One nurse and one medical orderly are in charge of each ship.

Clothing is simple. We go out into the jungle, dig up a six-foot hibiscus, bring it back, put it in our garden, and next day it is out in bloom."

Pack Fearful Power

LONDON (CP)—The fire from one of Britain's rocket-filled landing craft is almost fearsome to see falling in a small area to the fire of a German battery. Each of the crafts carry mounted with 12 six-inch guns, when released to the tiny craft which has manoeuvred into place.

This was one of the recently revealed secrets of this invasion weapon, used first in Sicily and again in Italy and Normandy by operations headquarters developed by the navy. Each craft fires its rockets in 30 seconds, to give close support to troops approaching a beach.

Outline Not Clear

EDINBURGH (CP)—Scottish schools, said H. P. Wolstencroft in moderate terms, "do not seem to be successful in giving pupils a clear outline map of history." History lecturer at Jordan Hill Home Training College here, he made his statement after listening to answers from his students in a written quiz. Among those answers, he said, were:

Cromwell—"A great medieval saint." Bismarck—"A famous town in Germany." Charlemagne—"A great general in Russia's army." Woodrow Wilson—"A British member of Parliament." Roosevelt—"An American now in exile, but very anxious to take part in the present war."

Hand Over Profits

HORSHAM, Sussex, England (CP)—Horsham's patriot engineers, a volunteer 1,000 strong, have turned out 3,700,000 aircraft component parts without a penny. Profits from the work have gone into production.

The organization founded in 1942 (after an appeal for all-out production, sent Sir Stafford Cripps to Horsham) decided to keep her fighting spirit alive. Production, a charge for £3,000 (about $13,500) for expenses, goes back into the work.

High school girls and grammar school boys, retired artisans, celebrities, doctors and school teachers and Sussex farmers, formed factory hands, all of them unpaid.

Depends on Seaweed

EDINBURGH (CP)—A Scottish Seaweed Research Association has been formed under joint auspices of the Supply Ministry and the Scottish Council of Industry to "investigate the commercial possibility of seaweed."

On its work depends to a great extent the future of profits of the British Highlands.

The association will have a biological division, a chemical division and a ship equipped to examine deep-sea weeds and the best methods of harvesting them, and a chemical division to determine iodine and to extract the chemical constituents.

Lingo Is Different

LONDON (CP)—Like the R.A.F. the British Army is developing a language of its own—retaining some from the 1914-18 Western Front slang.

Planes made by the enemy when under shell or mortar fire are described by them as "Low Co-Co." Flak as "tacking," a typical British understatement when applied to yrds of panic and dismay.

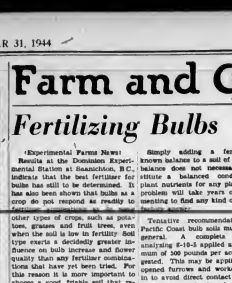
When the Tommies are "mooing" (as mooing is just about the way of saying the jerry is being bombed) they are short, sharp in military concentration.

And fighting men no longer "pair jery-roo" in Brussels or Paris: The army has a new word for it—"wangling." Incidentally—to quote the terms who go on "tonco parties or leader off to gay places.

INACCURATE REPRISAL

LONDON (CP)—The Dutch newspaper Vrij Nederland, published here, reports that Dr. Dijsselhoff in Amsterdam were shot by the Germans in reprisal for the shooting of a Gestapo agent who actually was killed by his own German subordinates.

British Nurses Get Autograph



Leaving a British military hospital on the western front after chatting with the patients, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme Allied commander, cheerfully gives his autograph to a group of British nurses. The nurses are, left to right: Mary Macrae, of Kilkee, Eire; Elizabeth Jackson, Perth, Scotland, and Milly Shapcott, Wrexham, Wales.

Britain's Women Week by Week

By JOAN TWELFTREE

A university of hairdressing, the first of its kind in Britain, is to be built as a "memorial" to the men and women hairdressers who have fallen of this war.

Britain's 50,000 hairdressers are building the university out of funds subscribed by themselves. Advanced tuition will be given to skilled operators, and apprentices can study, under ideal conditions, the latest in beauty culture as well.

Students who graduate will get degrees and the men and women with diplomas will, according to a press hairdresser, be qualified for the big jobs in the profession.

The scheme will provide cost about £50,000 (-$200,000) but the idea is that every hairdresser in the country must contribute one or two (from four to ten dollars). And the hairdresser who would subscribe the guineas would be governor of our university," it was explained.

After years of spare, powdered egg, natural flour and margarine, it is a relief to learn that postwar food processors are made irksome when the expansion of commercial air routes all over the world.

Mrs. Brown, the hard-working mother of three, who lives in a London suburb, has had to keep her family going on wartime rations for five years, never thought she had much time to bother about the Chinese air conference. But the fact that air routes and lines will open up vast possibilities of bringing perishable foods from one part of the world to another in a matter of a few hours, is of great interest to Mrs. Brown—and to others like her in every country.

Mr. Brown, too. He has had his spam fried and baked, rolled in breadcrumbs or flavoured. He has sometimes minced, sometimes shaped to look like a cutlet—but always spam. His powdered egg he has suffered in scrambled, omelette or boiled form until his wife shuddered—particularly those in cardboard boxes—had never been born.

HOUSEWIFE'S JOB SAVER

According to Prescott Blount, of the United Air Lines, in Chicago, however, there is a different tale for both gourmand and gourmet. Air transport, he explained, will drive to reduce weight and make the housewife's job easier, will be flown to markets and fish for the fresh and cheap rates, he predicts. Chickens, already for the oven, will be exported in this way, calves' livers, brains and fancy sausages will delicate dishes when served up the right way—will come in attractive Cellophane wrappers.

But most exciting of all will be the new foods that we shall find on our tables. . . . Mangoes, lichee and other exotic fruits from the East, fresh bamboo shoots and shark's fins from China, fresh pineapples from Hawaii, pomegranates from Australia, delicious sea foods from Spain and Italy and the delicate fish from the lakes of Switzerland or the seas of the South of France.

I can almost hear Mrs. Brown say—"That's all very well, but I'd like to see a bit of steak to make a pie, or a cut of roast beef for Sunday dinner." And I don't mind whether it comes from England, the Argentine or Timbuctoo."

Save European Crops

The rapid gains which the Allied armies have made in Western and Southern Europe have prevented widespread destruction of crops by the Nazis, says The Monthly Review of the Wheat Situation. Large areas of France are reported practically untouched and yielding a fairly good crop of grain. Wheat, oats and above ground vegetables from these areas is expected to move into deficit areas of neighbouring parts of Belgium and Holland. The timely advance into Roumania and Bulgaria saves the Roumanian crop. It precludes any possibility of a collapse from lack of food alone, although it may result in a reduction in reliance. A large part of Roumanian wheat production is along the Rhine River and consequently the destruction of one of these facilities are probably being destroyed by the Allied offensive.

In the Upper Kingdom, sowing rains are reported to have delayed harvesting and have possibly resulted in a reduction of yield. Although no estimates are yet available, it seems to be the general opinion that this year's crop is smaller than that of last year.

Farm and Gardens

Fertilizing Bulbs

(Experimental Farms News)

Results at the Agricultural Experimental Station at Saanichton, B.C., indicate that the best fertilizer for bulbs has still to be determined. It has also been shown that bulbs as a group are not responsive to manure of any type of crops, such as potatoes, grasses and fruit trees, even when the soil is low in fertility. Soil type exerts a decidedly greater influence on bulb increase and flower yield than fertilizer treatments, conditions that have yet been tried. For this reason it is more important to choose a good, friable soil that retains its moisture after the blooming period and that also has good drainage than to look for the best fertilizer. The latter is important, however, and good fertility should always be the aim.

Regarding fertilizer recommendations for bulbs grown under British Columbia conditions, there is almost a complete absence of reliable experimental information. A wide variety of opinions and recommendations are to be found from other sources. This is due chiefly to a factor which is extremely variable—the soil.

Simply adding a fertilizer of balanced analysis to a soil of unbalance does not necessarily constitute a balanced condition for plant nutrients for any plant. The problem will take years of experimenting to find any kind of a satisfactory answer.

Tentative recommendations for Pacific Coast bulb soils must yet be general. A complete fertilizer containing 2-10-2 applied at a minimum of 500 pounds per acre is suggested. This may be applied to the flower beds and worked lightly into to avoid direct contact with the bulbs, or may be broadcast before or after the bulbs are planted.

Light dressings of sulphate of ammonia applied to the sides of narcissus rows in early Spring are of doubtful value. Side dressings to tulips in 1944 in the Experimental Station at Saanichton bulb plot showed no yields as the amount of the fertilizer was increased. Bearing in mind the fact and also because of the possible danger of burning the foliage, Spring side dressings for tulips with chemical nitrogenous fertilizers are not considered advisable.

At the conference discuss the recommendations for existing markets and new markets. Good results have been attained from the conferences that have been held in the war years. A considerable amount of there had been evidence of a better spirit and it is to be hoped that the results that have accrued from the meetings will be as helpful in the future as they have been in the past.

Birds Suffer, Too

LONDON (CP)—The birds of Britain, say London bird-lovers, are suffering from "war nerves."

True, there seems little doubt as to what caused the disappearance of the wood pigeons from Hyde Park. There are those who contend the German bombings drove them away. But Mr. L. G. Wilson-Head contends the likeliest reason is "pigeon pie."

But at suburban Hampstead there seems no question that jitters is the answer. Lady Berens reported black birds, wood pigeons are much more easily startled than before the war—and she's one who feeds the birds instead of eating them.

Hampstead birds may be more countrified than those in the city parks. Lady Berens said, but she insists they were "very gun-shy" during the early air-raids. They were away, as did the owls, and not just beginning to come back without their old harmony.

Greater Supplies

Larger supplies of potash and of animal, fish and other organic substances used for fertilizers have enabled the Wartime Prices and Trade Board to revoke two orders restricting use of these products, O. S. Pearl, administrator of fertilizers and pesticides, has announced.

The orders under restriction use in Eastern Canada of potash as a fertilizer was issued in September, 1941, when there were shortages of this chemical in the face of rising demand. Because of increased production, larger allotments of potash have been arranged for the 1944-1945 season. This will enable manufacturers to return to the normal production of mixed fertilizers and at the same time to meet any emergency that may occur 40,000 tons.

Also since September, 1943, the Board has prohibited the use in fertilizer of such organic products as meat, tankage, blood meal, fish scrap, cottonseed meal and bone meal. Since then there has been essential in production of feeding stuffs than in fertilizer. Because United States is that Canada does not ship it to the United States just as much.

The Minister said he agreed with the suggestions that the Dominion-Provincial agricultural conferences be continued after the end of the war. It would be good to do so, and at the conferences discuss the requirements for existing markets and new markets. Good results have been attained from the conferences that have been held in the war years. A considerable amount of there had been evidence of a better spirit and it is to be hoped that the results that have accrued from the meetings will be as helpful in the future as they have been in the past.

Britain Wants Farm Products

Britain wants as many hogs, as many eggs as it might obtain, and quantities of other farm products in 1945 as she got in 1944. And other countries, too, are asking for some of these commodities, said Hon. James C. Gardiner, Canadian Minister of Agriculture, in an address, which closed the 25th Dominion-Provincial agricultural conference held in Ottawa, December 4 to 8 inclusive. Representatives of all provinces attended the conference to go back over the ground covered in the part well in 1945 towards meeting the requirements of the United Kingdom and other countries.

Mr. Gardiner said that farmers had experienced difficulties in the production in connection with the shortage of labor in Britain and it will be because the war is over. He urged everyone in agriculture to familiarize himself with the regulations governing farm labor, so that those who should be on farms will be returned there at the time of the call up.

Referring to wheat, the Minister said the situation could be summarized by stating that for 1945 the acreage would be reduced to about 21 million or about two million less than in 1944. Western wheat growers have had a better opportunity to estimate their production in the last three or four years than ever before. If wheat production is reduced and consumer cut down, Canada will be in a better position to discuss markets and prices after the war.

There has been in 1944 an unprecedented production of wheat, but quality has been kept up. He said say with a degree of confidence that the farmers of Canada realized fully the importance of producing barrow products for export and that the quantities never expected. The premiums on A and B hogs are the same as last year, and certain are for 1944-1945 season.

BRITISH MARKETS OPEN

There are difficulties in connection with beef, Mr. Gardiner explained. Britain has indicated that if we do not ship cattle to the United Kingdom at the time being The British market is open for all the surplus beef Canada can produce. Since there are now more cattle available than Canada can use essential in production of feeding stuffs than in fertilizer. Because United States is that Canada does not ship it to the United States just as much.

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Wintering Rock Garden Plants

By D. DEAN HALLIDAY
Released by Central Press Agriculture Editor

Rock gardens should have attention not only as a protection from extreme cold but from damage caused by early attacks of the sun and little late frosts.

As illustrated in the accompanying Garden-Graph, a large group of alpine plants called "rock plants," such as the saxifrages, androsaces and lewisias require perfect drainage. These stone-loving plants should be mulched with a layer of fine stone chips, as illustrated.

A top dressing of soil, leafmould and sand gives most rock garden plants a perfectly satisfactory Winter protection.

In the Spring when the protective mulch is removed from the herbaceous perennial and rock garden, watch for plants which have been "heaved up" and left with their roots exposed.

As illustrated in the Garden-Graph, ground balls, which were divided and replanted in the Fall were heaved inches out of the ground. Unless replanted before the sun and wind dry their roots, these plants will die.

Many frost-heaved plants can be "dropped" back into the soil. Others must be taken up and replanted.

Feeding Chickens For Hatchability

The periods of early growth, egg production and breeding are the most exciting in the life of a poultry in so far as nutrition is concerned. Of these perhaps the most exciting is the period of hatching. It is commonly considered that if the mortality rate is of significance it is the process of hatchability that is to produce a satisfactory number of eggs, it should also be suitable for the production of a large proportion of chicks from these eggs. This, however, is not the case, says R. Oldridge, Poultry Division, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. Many good laying rations have proved unsatisfactory for the production of a large proportion of healthy chicks. The whole reason for this is not known, but may be discovered by further research.

Manganese must be present in all rations, and it is essential for growth, egg production and hatchability. A deficiency of it reduces hatchability through the production of abnormal embryos which usually either die in the egg or are very weak. Five to only a short period after hatching. Some investigation have indicated that probably two or three times as much manganese is required for high hatchability as for satisfactory egg production. As a general practice rations are known to be deficient or borderline in manganese. Supplementing feed of manganese sulphate per ton of mash is usually added. Care in mixing is necessary. The manganese should be mixed thoroughly in a pail or similar vessel before being added to mash; this with a larger quantity, and so on until a sufficient amount of premix is available to make thorough mixing with the whole quantity of mash. Riboflavin and pantothenic acids seem to require less manganese than heavy needs for hatchability and other purposes.

The most important respect in hatchability is vitamin A, more exacting than any other, however, is riboflavin, which is required in relatively one-third more of vitamins A and D and 86 per cent more vitamin A than the amount included in the ration than for egg production. The "pigeon milk" factor, this chick which are the most commonly used sources of vitamin A and D, which at a level one-third higher for the hatching mash than for the laying mash. So far as riboflavin is concerned approximately twice the quantity of the sources of this vitamin such as dried milk products, dehydrated green feeds, yeast, pure riboflavin, etc., must be fed. Even when all these vitamins are present in adequate amounts, the fact that poor hatchability may follow may be explained by interfering factors other than nutrition. Hatchability is not only a matter of vitamins, but also of the ration to make it suitable for hatchability. In a publication, "Poultry Feeds and Feeding," is available free from the Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, which gives information on the vitamins and other nutrients which a feed contains.

Farm Cash Income

Cash income from the sale of farm product increased in the first six months of 1944 as compared with the corresponding period of 1943. The 1944 estimate for the six months of 1944 is placed at an increase of $106,183,000, or 30 per cent over the 1943 figure, and is $424,000,000 for the first six months for the entire year of 1944. Cash income from the six months of 1944 over the 1943 six months period showed a substantial increase in Prince Edward Island, and was particularly marked in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Income from the sale of wheat was about $100 millions higher in 1944 than in 1943, over half of this increase occurred in Saskatchewan, increased deliveries of the wheat, combined with higher prices for coarse grains, accounted for the increase in income. The decline in Prince Edward Island was due to the reduction in potato production in 1943 and particularly to the decline in the supply of potatoes for market.

Horse Bot Flies

By co-operative action in early Winter, preferably before December 15, the numbers of horse bot flies that may appear in any district in the following year may be greatly reduced. The bots, of which there are three species known as the nose, the throat and the horse bot (q), respectively attack the Winter in the stomachs of horses. Treatment of all the horses in a district is the logical procedure.

Carbon bisulphide is usually administered in gelatine capsules to expel the bots from the stomach. It is a liquid which readily forms a gas which is fatal to the bots but harmless to the animals when given in the recommended dose of 1½ fluid drams to each 200 pounds of body weight of the horse. Only a qualified veterinarian should administer the capsules. It is the usual practice to starve the horses 24 hours before treatment and for about five hours afterwards. As in the commonly treatment for warbles in cattle in any district, co-operative action by horse owners in the specified areas brings good results.

TRIBUTE TO ROLLAND

PRETORIA, South Africa (CP)—"We must never forget, we must never forgive, what Germany had done to Holland," said the Minister of Native Affairs Major Piet van der Byl, opening a Netherlands exhibition in Pretoria.

Wishing One and All a Happy New Year

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New York Stocks

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 (AP).—Despite considerable profit taking, the stock market today concluded its best year since 1936 by registering a new seven-year average peak on the third flasher Saturday since last June.

While early advances in today's proceedings ranged from fractions to a point or more, offerings became a bit more insistent after the opening and top marks were reduced or cancelled in numerous cases at the close. Transfers exceeded sixty millions for the year for the first time since 1937.

The Associated Press 60-stock average finished up 1 of a point at 58.3, a peak since September 17, 1937. It was up 3 on the week and for the year showed a net gain of 8.7 points. The 1944 upturn for the rails was 11.5 points, widest jump for this composite since the late 1920's. Neither the industrials nor utilities exceeded their advances of 1943.

DOW JONES AVERAGES

Thirty industrials 152.37, up .30.
Twenty rails 48.48, up .18.
Fifteen utilities 16.35, up .10.
Total sales 1,910,000 shares.

(N. A. Number, Ltd.)

Acme Steel	1	50
Adams Exp.	1	14
Addr. Power A (ex)		96
Amer. Tobacco	4	65
Amer. Woolen	1	7
Anaconda Copper	1	28
Armour Ill	1	10
Atchison Topeka	2	43
B. & O. Railway	1	21
Bethlehem Steel	1	53
Borden	1	15
Boeing Airplane	1	20
Borg Warner	1	53
Budd	1	8
C. & O.	1	35
Canadian Pacific	1	9
Case	1	50
Celanese	1	23
Chrysler	1	50
Columbia Gas	1	8
Comm. Solvents	1	16
Commonwealth & Southern		1
Consolidated Edison	1	50
Consolidated Oil	1	10
Continental Can	1	30
Continental Oil	1	20
Corn Products	1	50
Crucible Steel	1	50
Curtiss-Wright	1	50
Douglas Aircraft	1	50
Du Pont	1	50
Eastman Kodak	1	50
Erie R.R.	1	50
Fairbanks Morse	1	50
General Motors	1	50
Goodrich Tire	1	50
Goodyear Rubber	1	50
Great Nor. Ryder	1	50
Gulf Oil	1	50
Hudson Motor	1	50
I. T. & T.	1	50
Int. Harvester	1	50
Kennecott Copper	1	50
Kresge S. S.	1	50
Montgomery Ward	1	50
Nash, Kelvinator	1	50
New York Central	1	50
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Packard Motor	1	50
Penney, Jcpc	1	50
Pullman	1	50
Radio	1	50
Reading	1	50
Reynolds Tobacco	1	50
Rohm & Haas	1	50
Royal Dut. N.Y.	1	50
Sears Roebuck	1	50
Shell Union	1	50
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Standard Oil N.J.	1	50
Stone & Webster	1	50
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Texas Gulf	1	50
Texas & Pac.	1	50
Union Pacific	1	50
United Aircraft	1	50
United Corp.	1	50
U. S. Rubber	1	50
U. S. Steel	1	50
Warner Pictures	1	50
Westinghouse	1	50
Woolworth	1	50
Youngstown Sheet	1	50

Winnipeg Grain

WINNIPEG, Dec. 30 (CP).—Enabling trade toward the close boosted rye futures 1 cent to ¾-cent a bushel today on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange. The upturns were prompted largely by good buying and advances in Chicago rye.

	Close	High	Low	Close
Dec.	114⅝	115⅛	114⅝	115
May	114⅝	115⅛	114⅝	115⅛
Cash Grain				
Oats				
No. 2 C.W.				84½
Barley				89
No. 3 C.W.				88⅝
Rye				111⅝
No. 2 C.W.				111⅝

Chicago Grain

CHICAGO, Dec. 30 (AP).—Making rye reveal a new five-month high and other grain futures were strong in heavy year-end trading today. General buying, by both commission houses and professional operators, developed about mid-session and offerings were light. Strength of the stock market also was a supporting factor.

Wheat	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	131⅞	132	131⅞	132
Mar.	136⅞	136⅞	136⅞	136⅞
Corn				
Dec.	115⅞	118	115⅞	118⅛
May	117⅞	120⅛	117⅞	120⅛
Oats				
Dec.	87⅞	87⅞	86⅞	87⅞
May	85⅞	87⅞	85⅞	87⅞
Rye				
Dec.	111	113	111	113
May	109⅞	111	109⅞	111

Foreign Exchange

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 (AP).—Closing foreign exchange rates follow: Great Britain in dollars, others in cents:

Canadian dollar in New York open market 10 2-16 per cent discount or 99 31-1-4 United States cents, unchanged.

Europe Great Britain official buying, $4.02, selling $4.04

Latin America Argentina free, 24.99 unchanged, Brazil free 6.35, Mexico 20.85.

GUEST OF HONOR

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30 (AP).—The Philadelphia Sporting Writers' Association has selected Marty (Slats) Marion, St. Louis Cardinals shortstop, to be guest of honor at its 41st annual banquet on January 25. Marion was named the National League's most valuable player on the 1944 season.

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Clippers Win Tight Fixture

Nose Out Royal City Squad by 3-2 Score

NANAIMO, Dec. 30 (CP).—Nanaimo Clippers tonight regained a portion of the top pot in the top spot in the Pacific Coast Junior Hockey League when they defeated New Westminster Cubs, 3-2, in one season.

Refereed by the addition of the Kirk brothers, Norm and Jack, Clippers turned in one of their best games thus far.

Taking a 3-0 lead in the first period on Norm's goal the teams battled until the 14-minute mark in the second period before Reid equalized the count.

Bonny MacDonald put New Westminster in front when he tallied unassisted at the nine-minute mark of the final chapter, but Nanaimo fought back onto even terms at 12.30, Arnold Johnson snaging the hero's deadlock the score.

The payoff came within 15 seconds of the final whistle. Les Mitchell setting up a perfect pass to Norm Kirk for the deciding counter.

Outstanding stars of the game were Jack Kirk and Goalie Arnold Ellis for Clippers, with Ward and Ike Hilderbrand for the Cubs. The game was closely contested with little to choose from either club.

Line-ups

Clippers—Ellis, J. Kirk, Pourier, Johnson, Mitchell, Richardson.

Subs. N. Kirk, K. Thompson, Rowledge, Gebert, McDonald, Lepas.

New Westminster—Reid, J. McDonald, Wright, B. McDonald, Laidlaw, Ike Hilderbrand, Subs. K. Barclay, Reid, Ward, P. Hilderbrand, Douglas.

SUMMARY

First Period—1 Clippers, N. Kirk (Rowledge), 6.07. Penalty Reid, 2 minutes.

Second Period—3, New Westminster, Reid, 14.40. Penalties: Ward, 2 minutes.

Third Period—3, New Westminster, B. McDonald, 9.20, 4, Clippers, Johnson, 12.30, 5, Clippers, N. Kirk (Mitchell), 18.45. Penalties: B. McDonald, Johnson, N. Kirk, B. McDonald.

Roofers Sign New Players

Out in front since the start of the season in the senior "B" section of the Victoria and District Basketball League, sleek of the Victoria Roofing took a definite jump last night with the announcement by Wally Smith of the signing of "Rusher" Jackson and Roy McKay. Jackson, a former Dominion star, has been playing his basketball in Rivers, Que., while McKay, who was in the R.C.A.F. It has been known for some time that both civilian clubs in the league were after his services, but his signed contract was received by the Roofing a few days ago, and he is expected to line up with them some time after the New Year when his pending discharge from the air force comes into effect.

Roy McKay, six-foot three-inch forward, will be remembered as a member of the Army five which gave the Pat Bay Grenadiers such a battle before they bowed out of the British Columbia play-offs. A former Port Alberni star, the big forward is sure to be a help to his new club. If both of these players are in action when Victoria Roofing must be established favorites to win the senior honors as well as a better than even chance for the British Columbia title.

386,690 See Garden Bouts During 1944

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 (CP).—The boxing boys raised plenty of "cabbage" in their Madison Square Garden this year, about with the usual crop of cauliflower.

"Uncle Mike" Jacobs, 20th Century Sporting Club promoter now spending the holidays in Florida, needn't worry about expenses for that trip, a check of the Garden gate showed today.

The big arena at 49th Street and Eighth Avenue, just off Broadway, was the scene of 20 fights shows this year, against 22 during 1943. A total of 386,690 fans filed through the turnstiles, an average of 13,810, and they laid it on the line to the tune of $1,396,467—or $46,874 per show.

In 1943 the 22 attractions drew 322,512 spectators who paid $1,136,228 for an average of 14,659 fans and a gate of $51,648. Thus the rise in the total gate and attendance was due to the six extra shows.

On top of the regular pay at the gate' shufflers, Uncle Mike put on a War Bond show which spilled $35,864,000 into the war effort as 15,822 turned out for a non-title semi-rounder August 4 between Beau Jack, the former Augusta, Ga., bootblack, and Bob Montgomery, the holder of New York's version of the lightweight laurels.

The two gladiators, both army petty officers, gave their services free, along with everyone else connected with the show.

Toe Blake Widens Lead in Scoring

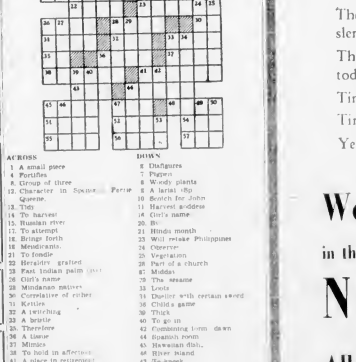
Toe Blake, Canadiens' ace sniper and current leader in hockey's "big seven" picked up one point last night as the Flying Frenchmen defeated Chicago, 4-1, boosting his total for the season to 26 points.

Maurice Richard, a clubmate, added two points on assists and moved into undisputed occupation of second place. His points ahead of Boston's Bill Cowley, who was idle. Elmer Lach, Canadiens scored one goal to strengthen his hold on fourth place.

At Toronto, Gus Bodnar added a single point to move into sixth place, one point ahead of "Mud" Brunetta, Detroit. Leaders up to and including last night's games follow:

	G	A	P
Blake, Canadiens	18	23	26
Richard, Canadiens	24	17	35
Cowley, Boston	11	22	33
Lach, Canadiens	8	24	32
Howe, Detroit	5	26	28
Bodnar, Toronto	5	21	26
Brunetta, Detroit	13	12	25

The Daily Cross-Word Puzzle

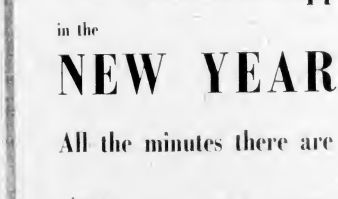


ACROSS

1 A small piece
4 Portifies
8. Group of three
12. Character in Sohrab and Rustum
13. Tidy
14. To harvest
15. Russian river
17. To attempt
18. Brings forth
18 Mendicants.
21 To fondle
22 Heraldry grafted
23 East Indian palm tree
26 Girl's name
28 Mindanao native
30 Correlative of either
31 Kettles
34 A twitching
35 A bristle
35. Therefore
36 A tissue
37 Cows
38 To hold in affection
41 A place in reformatory
42 Heavy East Indian wood
44 Put foul on fire
45 To breathe quickly
47 College yell
48 To wort
51 French river
52 An astringent
54 Body of water
55. Roman road
56 To peel
57. A number

DOWN

1 Electric light
2 Arrow poison
3 Touching at a single point
4 Article
5 One who goes back
6 Dialgures
7 Papaw
8 Woody plants
9 A lariat (So
10 Scotch for John
11 Harvest goddess
14 Girl's name
20. Bo
21 Hindu month
23 Will revoke Philippines
24 Observe
25 Vegetarian
28 Part of a church
27 Middas
29 The sesame
33 Lents
34 Dealer with certain sword
36 Child's game
39 Thick
40 To go in
42 Combining form dean
44 Spanish room
45 Hawaiian dish.
46 River island
47 Tie-snake
48 Change
50 A mole
52 A product



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There's time enough for a fumbling hand to slip a ring on a slender, trembling finger . . .
There's time enough for baby's first wondrous word—or toddling steps . . .
Time enough for a news flash with word of final Victory . . .
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Bowling

CITY SENIOR TENPIN

Gorge Bakes—F. Welsh, 259, W. Sinclair, 255, J. Ward, 255, R. Porter, 475, Total Leaves, 857. Total, 2,604.

Daily Colonist—W. Thompson, 255, A. Sutherland, 246, J. Aitken, 246, R. Burns, 277, C. Steele, 466. Total, 2,539. Colonist won two.

Arcades—B. Evans, 236, C. Kerr, 242, R. David, 300, B. Madison, 344, R. Purvis, 347. Total, 1,754.

Pendle Dog Cafe—J. Sewell, 301, P. Jowsey, 248, A. Ridley, 321, B. Pendling, 340, R. Wilson, 306. Total, 1,815. Arcades won two.

GIBSON'S BOWLADROME

MIXED TENPIN LEAGUE

Kirchman—S. Rennie, 404, B. Ellis, 436, J. Rennie, 412, O. Hvatidsen, 476, B. Steele, 466. Handicap 18. Total, 2,312.

Carmichael—M. Kirsop, 340, T. Barker, 340, J. Ward, 340, J. Ward, 340, A. Ward, 340. Handicap 174. Total, 1,540. Carmichael won three.

Go-Getters—C. Ross, 318, K. Wilson, 417, V. McLarty, 372, M. Cooke, 447, O. Rickford, 405. Handicap 216. Total, 2,175.

Maxwell Fuel—E. Kelly, 349, R. Bennett, 323, O. Colman, 380, M. Welch, 323, C. Simpson, 405. Handicap 36. Total, 2,120.

Herbert Post 600 Club.

Bungaroo—S. Irvine, 340, P. Hayes, 307, A. Sutherland, 340, J. Ward, 340, R. Martin, 340. Handicap 72. Total, 1,747.

Commercial Linen—B. Proft, 430, C. Lewis, 440, D. Long, 396, L. Bennett, 401, A. Christiansen, 440, handicap, 90. Total, 2,197.

Commercial Linen won three.

Alma Coffee Shop—A. Freeman, 401, O. Hvatidsen, 476, D. Hume, 437, handicap 39. Total, 2,353.

Bins Ales—R. Grimshaw, 318, M. Cooke, 340, J. Ward, 340, R. Purvis, 340, R. Dickson, 401, handicap 36. Total, 1,775.

Heavy Gang—D. Barr, 473, B. Williamson, 340, J. Barrie, 340, B. Mulvey, 340, A. Malone, 316, handicap 63. Total, 2,840.

Heavy Gang won two.

ABERTILLERY, Monmouthshire (CP).—The Clunifies' Reconstruction Fund of the Congregational Union of England and Wales has passed the £400,000 mark towards its £500,000 (about $2,250,000) target, it was announced here.

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